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Saunders may resign both Guinness jobs

By Lawrence Lever

The Government's investigation into Guinness has unearthed further damaging information, which has rocked the Guinness board.

The seriousness of the crisis is now such that there are strong fears that Mr Ernest Saunders will resign as both chairman and chief executive of the trouble-torn brewing and leisure group.

The board is understood to be sharply divided on the issue of Mr Saunders' future with the company, which will top of the list of considerations at next Wednesday's emergency board meeting.

The company has been conducting an internal investigation into the circumstances giving rise to the Department of Trade and Industry inquiry. The investigation began as soon as Mr Saunders returned from a skiing holiday in Switzerland last week.

The government inspectors moved in on Guinness on December 1 last year. Since then Morgan Grenfell has resigned as merchant bank adviser to Guinness. At the same time, Mr Roger Seelig, the £200,000 a year financier who masterminded Guinness's successful bid for Distillers, was forced to resign.

The focus of the Government's inquiry throughout has been on Guinness's battle for control of Distillers. Guinness won control of Distillers, the Scottish drinks group, in April last year after a fiercely contested battle with the Argyll Group, run by Mr James Gulliver.

The inspectors have been investigating in particular whether the Companies Act has been infringed in various operations carried out to support Guinness's share price during the bid.

The effect of these operations would be to increase the value of Guinness's offer for Distillers, thereby improving its chances of success in the battle for control of Distillers.

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One area the inspectors now appear to be looking at is Guinness's purchase of more than 90 million of its own shares for £275 million shortly after the takeover battle.

The shares were bought from a number of institutions, which had publicly declared their support for Guinness and had purchased large blocks of Distillers shares, which were converted into Guinness shares after it took over Distillers.

Mr Saunders has come under criticism for his role in approving a $100 million (£68.5 million) investment in a speculative fund controlled by Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American arbitrageur unmasked last November.

Mr Boesky is known to have supported Guinness in its bid for Distillers. Guinness has denied that the investment was a pay-off for Mr Boesky's support.

The decision to invest in the fund was taken without reference to Guinness shareholders. Guinness is facing losses of at least $20 million on the investment, which was made in May last year, six weeks after the Guinness bid succeeded.

Another controversy concerns the role of Schenley Industries, an American company, which built up a massive stake in Guinness during the takeover battle.

It supported Guinness's bid for Distillers.

Schenley has distributed Dewars whisky for Distillers in America for many years. Last month it admitted that it had breached the Companies Act by failing to give notice that it had acquired more than 5 per cent of Guinness's shares during the bid.

It claimed that the reason for the omission was its ignorance of English law.

Schenley, run by Mr *Meshulam Riklis, the multi*-millionaire husband of actress Pia Zadora, has recently secured the contract to distribute another Distillers product, Gordons Gin, in America.

A representative of Mr Boesky is known to have approached Argyll at the time of its bid for Distillers, indicating its support in return for information. Mr Gulliver *declined*.

Guinness has also become embroiled in a dispute with the merchant bank Henry Ansbacher over a £7.6 million payment made shortly after the Guinness bid succeeded.

Ansbacher claims it was a payment for Guinness shares. If true this could mean that Guinness may well have committed a serious breach of Companies Act provisions, which prevent a company from buying its own shares

Edward to decide future on Monday

By Howard Foster

Prince Edward is to decide on Monday whether to leave the Royal Marines, he announced at Sandringham yesterday.

The Prince, reported earlier in the week to be agonizing over his future with the Commandos, approached journalists at the estate on horseback.

He said: "Good morning. You will not want to hear what I am going to say. I am here until Sunday then I'm returning to Lympstone. I will be making my decision on the Monday morning. That is all. There is nothing more to be said.

"I am not going to answer any questions. I hope you have got what you want. Now I would like you to just leave us alone. That's all."

The Prince then rode off, brushing aside reporters questions.

Lieutenant Peter Fraser of the Royal Marines yesterday denied that he had entered into a pact with his friend, Prince Edward, to resign. Reports of the pact brought hordes of journalists to the Fraser family home in the tiny Dales village of Romaldkirk, Co Durham, yesterday.

Lieutenant Fraser, aged 22, agreed yesterday that he, too, was thinking over his future. "I am considering what to do next," he said

"There is no truth in the suggestion that Prince Edward and I decided to resign together.

A half-blue in basketball and a rower shortlisted for the Oxbridge boatrace crew, Lieutenant Fraser dismissed suggestions that the physical aspect of the commando training had deterred him.

His father, Donald Fraser, a VAT consultant, described his son as "very fit".

"The Army had not been a lifelong ambition for Peter," said his father. "He has always been interested in sport and I suppose this was a natural progression for him."



Prince Edward out riding at Sandringham yesterday while he makes up his mind on his future with the Royal Marines.

Crisis meeting called on EMS

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Officials from the EEC countries meet in Brussels this afternoon to try to hammer out a solution to Europe's currency crisis.

The weakness of the franc, hit by industrial unrest in France and the strength of the mark, has pushed the European Monetary System — the EEC fixed exchange rate mechanism — to breaking point.

Emergency meetings like that of the EEC Monetary Committee this afternoon usually precede a realignment of currency bands, in this case a devaluation of the French and Belgian francs, the Danish krone and the Irish punt.

Finance ministry officials, including a senior British Treasury official, Mr Geoffrey Littler, will attempt to secure an acceptable realignment.

But the bargaining is likely to be tough. The German government, with a general election looming on January 25, is reluctant to see the mark revalued. German exporters are suffering already from the mark's strength and yesterday share prices in Frankfurt plunged.

The French government blames excessively tight monetary policy in Germany for the EMS problems and has rejected claims that the franc's difficulties reflect Prime Minister Chirac's industrial relations problems.

Last night, after the meeting of the Monetary Committee was announced, the franc dropped out of the bottom of its EMS band against the mark. The franc's official floor is 333.03 francs per 100 marks. In trading last night the rate moved to Fr335/DM100.

The latest realignment of EMS currencies was in April last year and was achieved smoothly. This weekend's move, when is it finally hammered out, is expected to involve a 4 per cent devaluation for the French franc, Irish punt and Danish krone, with smaller devaluations — 2-3 per cent — for the Belgian franc and Italian lira.

Today's meeting was initiated by the Belgian Finance Minister, Mr Mark Eyskens, in his capacity as chairman of the EEC finance ministers's council. It was organized by Mr Hans Tietmeyer, State Secretary at the German Finance Ministry, who is also secretary of the Monetary Committee.

Any attempt by Germany to delay a realignment could fall foul of the markets. Already this week, the European central banks have spent the equivalent of several billion pounds trying to hold the current EMS parities.

If today's meeting is inconclusive, the markets will be looking for blood on Monday.

Pretoria prohibits reports on ANC

From George Brock
Port Elizabeth

The South African Government has prohibited virtually all reporting, except criticism, of the banned black nationalist organization, the African National Congress (ANC).

With every appearance of last-minute panic, the Government seems to be scrambling to suppress any mention of it, save for its own commentary.

Yesterday's newspapers here carried virtually no news of the ANC's 75th anniversary celebrations in Lusaka and elsewhere outside South Africa on Thursday.

A bomb exploded yesterday at a large Johannesburg department store which is engaged in a bitter dispute with its black employees. A security man spotted a suspicious package in the OK Bazaars store and the building was cleared. No injuries were reported.

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Several appeared without advertisements booked by the "Release Mandela Campaign" and planned to follow a full-page appeal to the Government to lift the banning which was carried by 20 newspapers. They were visited by security branch policemen who removed everything relating to the booking and printing of the advertisments.

They had been placed at a reported cost of £40,000 by the United Democratic Front (*UDF*), a loose affiliation of groups which broadly supports ANC aims which has not been banned, although most of its leaders are in detention.

The advertisments were refused by all Afrikaans papers and by one English language paper, *The Citizen*, which is loyal to the Government.

At midnight on Thursday, the Government issued a fresh set of regulations widening the grounds on which it can forbid publication of material about a banned organization.

The Government has also effectively expelled *The New York Times* indefinitely. The outgoing Johannesburg bureau chief for the paper, Mr Alan Cowell, was given until today to leave the country. He had been due to be replaced by Mr Serge Schemann who has been refused a work permit. The Government has not given any reasons either for the expulsion or for the refusal.

Four foreign correspondents have been expelled in the last year and a fifth, the Johannesburg correspondent for *The Los Angeles Times*, will appeal against expulsion orders next week.

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Stock Exchange to beat phone ban

By Tim Jones

The Stock Exchange has prepared a contingency plan to combat the possible effects of industrial action threatened by telephone engineers from Monday.

Stock exchange managers are planning to reopen the now deserted trading floor if business is severely hampered by the London City branch of the National Communications Union.

Ever since the Big Bang deregulated the market, and added thousands of new members, the whole operation has become increasingly dependent on communications systems installed by British Telecom.

The old trading floor, where bulls and bears had shouted seemingly unintelligable figures across one another for 200 years, became redundant when Big Bang linked the brokers and other City men to a computerized system which has as its backbone 12,000 telephone lines.

But Stock Exchange planners believe that if the union action is confined to a ban on overtime, it will be many weeks before their institutions are severely effected.

Mr Mike Bett, BT's Managing Director of Inland Communications admitted yesterday that customers would be "hurt" by the action which comes at the end of eight months of negotiation.

The union appears to be determined to impose an overtime ban and work to rule in an effort to secure a better deal for its 110,000 engineers than the 5.02 per cent currently on offer.

In addition to the pay increase, back-dated to last July, the union is being offered two unconsolidated bonus payments of £74 and £140 payable to the engineering grades in 1987-88.

The increases would take the earnings of the two main grades involved from £11,003 to £11,778 for the higher earners and from £8,354 to £8,997 for the other category.

The union has told branches to go on strike if any of their members are sent home for refusing to work overtime.

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Baker for national syllabus

Mr Kenneth Baker said that the British schooling system would be strengthened when a West European-style national syllabus was adopted.

The Secretary of State for Education and Science said Britain needed to move in that direction in the next two or three years

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The reputation of the City is at stake in Burton's plan to reward executives with share options, a leading Tory MP has warned Page 21

Still friends

Martina Navratilova has parted company, though amicably, with her coach, Mike Estep, under whose guidance *she won 25 titles* Page 40

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Portfolio Gold

£20,000 today

● There is £20,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition — £16,000 in the weekly competition as there has been no winner for the past two weeks, and the daily prize of £4,000.
● Yesterday's £4,000 was won by Miss Georgina Richards, of Chulmleigh, Devon. Details, page 3.
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Big Iranian onslaught near Basra

By Hazhir Teimourian and Nicholas Beeston

Iran moved a step closer to its long-awaited final offensive in the Gulf War yesterday, when its forces launched an amphibious attack against Iraqi positions in marshlands near the Iraqi city of Basra.

The state-run media in Tehran claimed that 5,000 Iraqi troops died in the assault and that 500 prisoners were captured and eight Iraqi warplanes shot down. It said Iranian forces had broken through Iraqi lines at Shalamcheh and advanced more than two miles.

A military spokesman later said Iran would begin an artillery barrage today against all Iraqi cities, except for four holy towns, for Iraqi air attacks against civilian targets at Susangerd.

In Baghdad, a communiqué from the military high command said that Iranian forces were pushed back and defeated in almost all the areas where they established footholds.

From early yesterday morning Tehran Radio broadcast martial music, interupted by news flashes from the front and exhortations from the Iranian leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, and President Ali Khamenei on "this day of destiny".

Not since February last year, when Iranians captured the Iraqi port of Fao, has such prominence been given to any Iranian offensive. The attack came 16 days after thousands of Revolutionary Guards were beaten back by Iraq on four islands on the Shatt al'Arab waterway.

Hero PC saves 39 from gas explosion

By Craig Seton

A police constable was hailed as a hero yesterday after he evacuated an entire village because of a gas leak and then saw his house destroyed by the explosion which followed.

PC Nick Shaw, aged 29, roused 39 villagers in their bedclothes and led them to safety in the early morning darkness as gas from a fractured main bubbled through tarmac in the main street in Wickwar, near Bristol.

The blast totally destroyed PC Shaw's £36,000 house and severely damaged two others. Seven more homes were damaged by debris. No one was injured.

The 5.45am explosion came as gas officials searched for the leak. It ripped open the high street and sent flames shooting 20 feet into the air.

PC Shaw, had returned home at 3.30am from a night shift, to the house he moved into six months ago with his wife, Louise, aged 25, a solicitor.

He said: "About half an hour later I heard two popping noises as if my neighbours had fallen out of bed. Then I smelled gas and I dashed out of bed. There was a tremendous whooshing noise outside and I saw bubbles in the tarmac in the main street.

"I realized we had a potential catastrophe on our hands. I got Louise out of bed and took her to the end of the village.

"After calling the police and the emergency services I ran up and down the street banging on doors and alerting my neighbours."

"We were all safely away from the area when the explosion happened shortly afterwards. Sadly my house was demolished. It was our first

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PC Nick Shaw, with his wife Louise.

Policeman tells of shooting

The Metropolitan Police inspector in the Brixton shooting trial insisted yesterday that the shot he fired which crippled an innocent woman and sparked off two nights of rioting had been accidental.

Inspector Douglas Lovelock told the Central Criminal Court that he had not meant to shoot Mrs Dorothy "Cherry" Groce when leading an armed raid on her home

On the fith day of the trial, Mr Lovelock said that he had not deliberately pulled the trigger of his police-issue .38 Smith and Wesson revolver, but that he had "tensed" with his finger on the trigger when he saw Mrs Groce as officers burst into her home in Normandy Road, Brixton, south London.

Mr Lovelock is charged with the unlawful and malicious wounding of Mrs Groce. The case continues on Monday.

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Briton held on export charges

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

An Aberdeen businessman, who federal agents say may be responsible for funnelling millions of dollars' worth of American-made oil equipment to Libya, has been arrested by undercover agents in New Orleans and charged *with illegal export of petro*-chemical equipment, making false statements and conspiracy.

A federal prosecutor said the arrest of Mr Francis George Christie, of Aberdeen, on Thurssay may have broken a major network supplying American oil equipment to Libya's nationalized oil industry, which was built largely by US oil companies and remains dependent on America for spare parts.

Two others have been arrested. They are Mr and Mrs George Smith of Gretna, Louisiana. The arrests are the first since President Reagan imposed an almost absolute barrier to business dealings with Libya in the wake of terrorist attacks at Rome and Vienna airports in December, 1985.

The US blamed Libya for the violence, which they said was carried out by a radical Palestinian group supported by Colonel Gadaffi.

An assistant US attorney, Mr Phillip Halpern, said that in August a customs agent penetrated the alleged embargo-breaking group by operating undercover with a San Diego company set up by government agents. He is said to have sold Mr and Mrs Smith's company more than a quarter-of-a-million dollars' worth of equipment for shipment to the Libyans through Mr Christie's company.

Cold comfort for shivering Britain

By Robin Young

Despite a slightly warmer night last night Britain is cold, and getting colder.

Forecasters said yesterday that bitterly cold easterly winds will arrive in the South today and that parts of the Midlands and Scotland are likely to have temperatures well below freezing throughout the weekend.

The current outlook, the forecasters predict, is for the coldest weather of the winter so far to extend well into next week, with some threat of snow as well.

The Pools Panel will sit for the second successive Saturday, with four FA Cup third round ties and eight Scottish matches called off because of the weather.

It is cold comfort to know that things are much worse abroad. In **Scandinavia** meteorologists believe the winter may prove the coldest on record. Already temperatures in many areas are at their lowest since 1940.

Denmark has been enduring temperatures below minus 25 deg.C, while Nattavaara in northern **Sweden** has been down to minus 52 deg.C. **Helsinki** recorded a morning temperature yesterday of minus 34 deg.C, the lowest for 30 years. No respite is in sight.

In **Poland** the country's coldest winter since 1963 claimed its first victim yesterday, when a farmer was found frozen to death in his field in a temperature of minus 30 deg.C.

Moscow's temperature has been down to minus 39 deg.C, and Tass reported that the amount of fuel oil normally consumed at this time of year has almost been doubled.

Many of the hardy Muscovites showed signs of the cold by exceptionally covering their ears with the flaps of their *shapki* or fur hats.

Moscow radio said Soviet citizens from the Arctic city of **Murmansk**, where stoves were lit to warm travellers waiting at bus stops, to **Yakutsk** in Siberia, where building work froze to a halt, braced themselves for more of the bitter cold that has gripped the country this week.

In **Romania**, where overnight temperatures have been down to minus 22 deg.C and blizzards are sweeping the country, central heating systems have been switched off to save energy.

In **West Germany** the Army used amphibious vehicles to take supplies to the village of **Eissel**, cut off by floods earlier this month and now locked in a sea of ice.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Unemployment soars in Ireland

Unemployment in the Irish Republic has reached a record 250,000 — 19.3 per cent of the workforce.

The number out of work rose by 13,000 last month and the figures pose serious problems for the coalition government led by Dr Garret FitzGerald which has been in a minority position in parliament since last month and could face a general election within weeks.

Dr FitzGerald's Fine Gael party and its Labour partners are struggling to agree on a tough budget, by January 28, involving public expenditure cuts of up to £300 million sterling.

Mr Charles Haughey, leader of the opposition Fianna Fail party, called for an immediate election.

BBC in strike move

The BBC has moved to restrict access to its outside broadcast production schedule in an effort to thwart picketing by striking electricians. The strike, which began on Sunday, has failed to stop the BBC maintaining its normal programme service.

The outside broadcast schedule, normally distributed widely within the corporation, provides details of locations to be visted by BBC crews. In response to the strike, its distribution has been limited to those with a direct need to know, sources said.

Striking electricians yesterday picketed the Luton Town football ground to stop installation of equipment for Sunday's FA Cup match against Liverpool.

118 flee pit fire

Miners were evacuated yesterday from Penallta colliery in Mid Glamorgan after a fire caused by spontaneous combustion.

Last night, a mines rescue team from the Rhondda valley was assessing whether the fire could be controlled and the coal face saved. None of the 118 miners was injured.

British Coal has declared Seafield Colliery in Fife safe for normal working, after a fire had destroyed a £3.5 million face. An announcement on the future of the 820 workers is expected next week.

Seamen poll test

A National Union of Seamen meeting in Liverpool today will seek a new election for the post of general secretary, won last year by Mr Sam McCluskie, after what activists claim is "positive proof" of ballot rigging.

The meeting is expected to call for future elections within the 21,000-strong union to be supervised by the Electoral Reform Society or a similar body.

The meeting, to be attended by activists and chairmen of port committees, comes after a series of allegations over elections for several union positions.

Work for heart girl



Julie Bennett, aged 21, who has astounded doctors by the speed of her recovery from a heart-lung transplant, was back at work yesterday for the first time since her operation.

Miss Bennett, of Burnt Barn Close, Bulwark, near Chepstow, Gwent, who suffers with cystic fibrosis, is working in a local newsagents just 15 months after the operation at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire.

"As far as I know I'm only one of two surviving cystic fibrosis patients who had a double transplant," she said.

Technology vote

Ninety journalists employed by *The Belfast Telegraph*, the largest of Northern Ireland's three daily newspapers, voted last night to ignore a management ultimatum to retrain on new technology from Monday or face dismissal.

They voted unanimously to turn up to work normally. They said however that their union representatives would be available for further negotiations with management.

The staff had voted to accept direct input of copy subject to negotiations but talks broke down

Stalker to join 'Brookside' television company

By Ian Smith
Northern Correspondent

Mr John Stalker will become a senior executive at Mersey Television when he retires as Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester in March, it was announced yesterday.

The announcement came after negotiations, lasting several weeks, between Mr Stalker, aged 47, and Mr Phil Redmond, chairman and chief shareholder of Mersey Television Company, which was launched in October 1981 and financed by a £195,000 Department of Trade and Industry grant.

No job description has yet been decided, but Mr Stalker will play a senior management role in the company whose *Brookside* series attracts the largest viewing audience in the entire Channel 4 network, with seven million people tuning in to the programme twice a week.

Mr Stalker said yesterday: "It would have been easy to go for the safe bet of a security job but this is a complete change of direction to which I am looking forward eagerly.

"The deal was only finalised late last night though negotiations have been taking place for some weeks. I do not know exactly what my new job will entail except that I will be part of the senior management team."

Following unsubstantiated allegations that he brought the force into disrepute by consorting with known criminals, Mr Stalker was dismissed from the inquiry into allegations that the Royal Ulster Constabulary was operating a "shoot-to-kill" policy and suspended from his post as Deputy Chief Constable of England's largest provincial police force.

Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, was delegated to investigate the charges laid against Mr Stalker. After six months of inquiries his name was cleared and he was immediately reinstated on the orders of the Greater Manchester Police Authority.

Even after his reinstatement, however, Mr Stalker felt he was still being denied access to important information and excluded from policy making decisions. Shortly before Christmas he took two weeks' rest because of nervous exhaustion on the advice of his doctor.

"I'm very pleased to be given the opportunity to test myself in a wholly new world and use whatever skills and contacts I have made over the past 30 years for the benefit of somebody else," he said.

"I think the television company came for me because of my management abilities. I have been running people and resources since I became a detective sergeant at the age of 24, and I think the television company realize I have something above average to offer.

"It is all the sweeter because it has happened so suddenly. It is not something I have been planning or building up to or even hoping for. It was just something that occurred very after I put in my resignation."

Mr Stalker said Mersey Television Company deserved credit for their swift approach. "They had a look at me, I had a look at them and we liked the look of each other.

"I'm delighted to be going to Liverpool, where I will become part of a go-ahead company — about that there is no doubt."

Baker wants Euro model to lift levels of learning

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Proposals for subjecting Britain's "maverick" education system to greater central control were outlined yesterday by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

He told the North of England Education Conference in Rotherham that Britain's schools had weaknesses that did not arise in those West European countries where the schools follow national syllabuses.

He said Britain needed to move in that direction during the next two to three years.

For the first time, Mr Baker disclosed that the content of the proposed national curriculum will be arrived at by a process of national consultation with local education authorities, teachers, parents and industry.

The Government, too, had a view, he said, but so long as there was good will there was room for establishing broad agreement.

He therefore called on those concerned, both within the education service and outside it, to tell him "where they stand on this matter".

He added: "We cannot continue with a system under which teachers decide what pupils should learn without reference to clearly agreed objectives and without having to expose, and if necessary justify, their decisions to parents, employers and the public."

Mr Baker said our system operated as if it did not matter that the quality of education offered to children and young people varied greatly from place to place.

Children did not learn the same things; those in similar circumstances had different amounts of money spent on them; their schools were organized differently; and their teachers had not been trained in the same way.

The result was that although the system was good in parts, it was bad in others and standards overall, in both primary and secondary schools, had not improved as much as they should have done.

Mr Baker said the national curriculum would define the subjects to be taught in primary school, set attainment targets for pupils at the age of 11 and lay down how much subject choice secondary school children should have at the age of 14.

Local education authorities would continue to have substantial powers and responsibilities, Mr Baker added.

But he said authorities could not "apply a particular ideology to the point where educational effort becomes so disturbed that the pupils and students get a raw deal".

It was already happening in some areas, Mr Baker said, condemning many thousands of children to a bad start in life and such practices were spreading.

He went on: "A system which permits this calls itself into question. If parts of our national system are being infected, the whole of it may require treatment."

Referring to the teachers' pay dispute, Mr Baker expressed his "dismay" at the parties' continuing inability to settle it. 10 weeks after he had set out the Government's proposals for giving teachers a 16.4 per cent pay rise over 15 months.

He said it was clear that the present arrangements for determining pay and conditions had failed and "nor is it credible to imagine that anything like them would serve for the immediate future".

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Mr Baker pointing out weaknesses in British schools system at the Rotherham conference.

Ruskin responds to writ

Solicitors acting for Ruskin College, Oxford, in the legal dispute with the former tutor, Mr David Selbourne, have submitted defence documents to Reading Industrial Tribunal offices and to his lawyers.

The college is responding to a writ served for unfair dismissal. Mr Selbourne is also suing for defamation.

The legal action stems from an article written by Mr Selbourne for *The Times* in March last year. In June, it is alleged that the college executive committee censured him.

Prisoners told not to give in

The wife and girlfriend of two of the prisoners involved in the siege at Barlinnie jail, Glasgow, told them last night not to give up until they got what they wanted.

In a shouted exchange cut short by policemen guarding the back streets surrounding the jail, the two men and a third prisoner repeatedly said they wanted their lawyers and doctors to be sent to the prison.

The two men, Stephen McCartney, aged 27, who is serving a five-year sentence for drug offences and Alan McLeish, aged 24, who is serving two six-month terms for shoplifting, are part of a group of 15 inmates who have controlled B Hall at the jail since Monday evening.

As the emergency entered its fifth night, exceeding the record 92-hour siege at Peterhead, north of Aberdeen, the Scottish Office said negotiations were continuing.

Authorities are now anxious not to alarm the prisoners. It is understood that they heard the demand of Mr Albert McQuarrie, Tory MP for Banff and Buchan that the SAS should be used.

Warning on land redevelopment

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A warning on the consequences of transferring large tracts of arable land to other purposes over the next few years because of the decline in farming subsidies was given yesterday by Professor John Thorn, of Bristol University.

Speaking in Portsmouth at the end of the annual conference of the Institute of British Geographers, he said: "We know very little about the environmental impact of the sort of large-scale shift being considered from arable land to other uses".

Professor Thorn was commenting on research into the physical implications of extensive redevelopment of Britain's uplands, lowland farms and urban areas. He said hydrological research by geographers had shown that the transformation of big stretches of uplands for leisure purposes, or for re-afforestation, could have just as serious effects on water supplies and pollution levels as the conversion of a lowland area into a greenfield development zone.

Professor Thorn said it was increasingly important that the work of geographers into potential physical and environmental changes from proposed land developments should be linked to the work of planners.

Professor Richard Lawton, of Liverpool University, the outgoing president of the institute and conference chairman, said he was optimistic about the future of many areas where there was anxiety over inner-city decay.

He believed there was too much evidence of successful innovation in Liverpool, London's docklands, Glasgow and other cities in Europe and the United States to believe the age of the great city was dead.

However, the extent of council housing development at the expense of private rented accommodation was seen as a handicap to labour mobility.

A movement from suburbia back to the inner city, with the re-occupation of areas that had declined, was among the reasons for optimism. But he said there was an underlying belief that the move to diversify into the "transactional" or service industries built on information technology, and the need for arts, theatres, orchestras and exhibition centres, were among inevitable pressures for city renewal.

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Tebbit in call for Guardian apology

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party Chairman, last night demanded an apology from *The Guardian* newspaper for what he called a "totally fabricated" quote.

He says that it then distorted a repudiation of the offending words.

The clash comes after an article on Tuesday in which Mr Hugo Young, a political columnist, wrote that Mr Tebbit had said "Nobody with a conscience votes Conservative".

The quote, which has been picked up by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, has also received widespread publicity on television.

Within hours of Mr Young's article appearing, Mr Michael Dobbs, chief of staff to the Party Chairman, wrote to Mr Peter Preston, the editor of *The Guardian*, complaining about the invention of the quotation.

But when the letter appeared in the newspaper the word "invention" had been edited out.

Last night in a highly critical letter to Mr Preston, Mr Tebbit said that Mr Young had been unwilling to name his source for the quote attributed to himself.

"This is scarcely surprising, because the attribution by Mr Young of the quotation to me is a total fabrication," Mr Tebbit said.

He said that *The Guardian* claimed that it was always prepared to correct errors and so he was asking for an unconditional apology.

Mr Preston said last night that Mr Tebbit's letter was being published unchanged.

He said that he was "sorry" that there had been a "minor slip" in editing the earlier letter from Mr Dobbs. But if anybody chose to read the whole of that letter, it was clear that Mr Tebbit was denying the quotation.

Corrections

A report on December 19, on the Infant Life (Preservation) Bill should have made clear that the law forbids the abortion of a child "capable of being born alive" and that if the pregnancy has lasted 28 weeks that constitutes *prima facie* evidence that this is so.

A leading article in some editions on December 5, stated that "A woman may lawfully have an abortion if there is a substantial risk that the child will be born with a physical or mental abnormality". The words "that would make it seriously handicapped" should have been added to the end of this sentence.

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Security check for 'loyalists'

Northern Ireland security forces were re-examining the protection given to certain "loyalist" politicians yesterday after the shooting of Mr David Calvert, the Democratic Unionist councillor and former Stormont assemblyman.

The Irish National Liberation Army, which admitted responsibility for the shooting on Thursday night, said that other loyalist politicians would be attacked.

Mr Calvert's condition was described as stable in hospital yesterday. One bullet passed right through his head and another through his stomach, apparently without causing serious damage.

The INLA said that he was shot because of his outspoken and "bigoted" utterances about nationalists, and that it was only the beginning of a campaign against those oppressing nationalists.

It was the INLA's second attempt to kill Mr Calvert, the controversial hard-line loyalist and religious fundamentalist. In 1980, he escaped injury when he slammed his front door shut in the face of a would-be assassin. A man was jailed for 10 years for the attack.

Mr Calvert, former mayor of Craigavon, Co Armagh, was shot by one of two men as he was about to get into his car at a shopping centre where he owns a drapery store.

Mr Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, said yesterday: "He fell between the car and the kerb and he has some recollection of them standing over him. It was that which seems to have preserved him." Doctors expected Mr Calvert to be discharged in the next few days.

His daughter, Alana, aged 11, who was in the car, narrowly avoided being shot and was in deep shock. Mr Calvert's wife, Yvonne, is expecting their third child.

Members of his family rejected as hypocrisy a strong condemnation of the attack by Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Foreign Minister. Mr Paisley said the British Government was aiding and abetting a Republican campaign to "wipe out" the loyalist leadership by withdrawing protection from certain loyalist politicians whom it regarded as "problem figures".

A car believed to have been used by the attackers was found two miles away on a predominantly Catholic housing estate. The car was stolen shortly before the attack by two masked men who tied up a man and two women at a house at Lurgan, Co Armagh.

Powell brands Prime Minister 'a Jezebel'

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mr Enoch Powell last night aimed a stream of political abuse at the Prime Minister over the Anglo-Irish agreement.

The Ulster Unionist MP called Mrs Thatcher "a Jezebel", who was "shooting in the back" security forces in Northern Ireland.

Speaking at Carrickfergus, Co Antrim, he claimed that Ulster's "enemies" within the Northern Ireland Office are working towards an all-Ireland state within the Western Alliance.

He said the next step would be a self-governing Ulster which dealt on equal terms with Britain and the Irish Republic.

Referring to Mrs Thatcher's pre-Christmas visit to Ulster, he said: "The message which she had been briefed to deliver was: 'Hurrah for the Anglo-Irish agreement. Now get on and kit yourself out with your own government in Ulster'.

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Policeman relives horror of shooting in Brixton raid

By Michael McCarthy

Inspector Douglas Lovelock gave evidence on the fifth day of the Brixton shooting trial yesterday and gave his account of the shot he fired which left a woman paralysed for life and started widespread rioting.

During more than four hours in the witness box at the Central Criminal Court, the Metropolitan Police officer told in a quiet but steady voice of his encounter with Mrs Dorothy "Cherry" Groce, and insisted firmly that his shooting of her had not been a deliberate act.

The inspector, who led the armed raid on Mrs Groce's home in Normandy Road, Brixton, south London, in September 1985 when police were seeking her son, Michael, for firearms offences, was asked in cross-examination about whether official Metropolitan Police tactics were not to "contain" rather than enter a house believed to hold an armed suspect.

> I tensed, turned towards the dark shape, and the shot's gone off

He said he could not remember if the "containment" option had been discussed.

Mr Lovelock is accused of unlawfully and maliciously wounding Mrs Groce, aged 39 and mother of seven children, who is now confined to a wheelchair.

Recalling yesterday the crucial few seconds after police had smashed open the door of the house with a sledgehammer, he told the court: "As soon as the crash sounded, I shout: 'armed police!' I'm in the hallway. I can see the (bedroom) door in front of me. It's ajar about eight inches. I kick the bottom of the door. There's a sound like a shout came from inside. The door crashed in.

"I stepped into the door opening, still in the ready position. I think I got in no further than about two feet. I would have thought. Having kicked the door open my gun was going back in front of me and my line of sight was identical.

"A shape, a dark shape is coming upon me from my left side at an angle. It appeared almost in the air. It might seem silly, but it appeared almost in the air, coming upon me. I tensed. I've turned towards it and tensed and the shot's – gone off."

Mr Anthony Hidden, QC, for the defence, asked him: "Did you deliberately fire that weapon?"

"No way," the inspector replied.

Mr Hidden: "What was the first knowledge that you had that you had fired it?"

"I saw the flash and obviously I heard the sound."

"Did you bring up your gun, deliberately point it at a human being and deliberately squeeze the trigger?"

"No," the inspector replied. He said he was "dumbfounded" when the gun went off and when the "figure" in front of him fell to the floor he realized it was a woman.

"I can remember going down to her and hoping like hell that I had not hit her," he said, adding that Mrs Groce was screaming "oh my baby!" and he thought she might have been pregnant although he realized later she was referring to her young son who was asleep in the room. His own wife was pregnant at the time, he told Mr Hidden.

Mr Lovelock said he had managed to get a call for an ambulance out over his personal radio before becoming shocked and asking colleagues to take over.

He denied Mrs Groce's recollection that four to five police officers had burst into the room and pushed her backwards.

"Absolutely not," he said. "In hindsight now, if I had been half a second later, I would have knocked her over with the door and it would have never happened."

Mr Lovelock said that after getting back to Brixton police station he felt "absolutely numb" and "dreadful" about what had happened to Mrs Groce.

He began to feel even worse when he heard a rumour that Mrs Groce, who received a single gunshot wound in the upper left chest, had allegedly been shot twice in the back, and was likely to die.

"I began to doubt my own sanity then," he said.

Mr Richard Du Cann, QC, for the prosecution, extensively questioned Mr Lovelock, an authorized firearms officer at the time of the incident, about his firearms training.

He quoted a police training instruction to the inspector about an armed suspect believed to be in a house: "By all means contain him, do not let him escape, but do not seek a confrontation simply to arrest".

Mr Lovelock said he was familiar with it and familiar with the instruction that "containment" should normally be the policy employed in such circumstances, but he said he could not remember if "containment" had been one of the policy options for the raid discussed at the briefing previously by the officer in charge, Chief Inspector (now Superintendent) Ian Beckett.

Mr Du Cann asked the inspector if, in a confrontation situation, he was taught to fire once or twice.

> The only time I would fire was if someone fired at me first

"Twice, bang bang, as quickly as that," Mr Lovelock replied.

Mr Du Cann: "It is clear your mind was able to instruct your finger not to press the trigger for a second time. Do you think it was your mind that instructed your finger to press the trigger the first time?"

Mr Lovelock: "No. I was absolutely dumbfounded when the gun went off. I never had any intention of firing at anybody. The only time I would ever fire was if someone fired at me first. I had come to terms with that long ago, even though it was contrary to what we were directed to do."

The trial continues on Monday.



Andy Williams helps to erect an intricate network of scaffolding which rises hundreds of feet above the nave to signal the first stage in the huge £4 million restoration of Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire, which is 1,000 years old. (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Judge rebukes loan firm

A judge yesterday criticized the "incredible carelessness" shown by a national finance house in granting a loan.

Judge Myerson, QC, had just been told how Peter Newton, an unemployed steel erector, obtained £2,000 from Lombard North Central by using a false name, address and occupation, mythical witnessess and the name of the guarantor that had all been plucked from the telephone directory.

The name given by Newton was, however, that of a bona fide customer of the company.

York Crown Court was told that the details were not checked and a cheque was sent to the address given – which turned out to be flats to which Newton had access.

Newton, aged 24, of Colescliff Road, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, who pleaded guilty to using a false instrument and obtaining property by deception was sentenced to nine months in jail.

Judge Myerson told him: "One of the reasons you were able to get money seems to be the incredible carelessness, if not negligence, of the finance house".

Mr Timothy Bubb, for the defence, said: "If the company had checked my client would not have been successful".

Newton withdrew all but £50 after putting the cheque into a building society account.

Mr Kenneth Williams, Lombard North Central's company secretary, said after the case: "Newton resorted to the use of a false name after an application in his own name had been turned down.

"The name was that of a bona fide customer who had previously secured loans, and had no record of financial irregularity.

"We thought we were dealing with someone who had a satisfactory record."

Hospital cancels non-urgent surgery

By Jill Sherman

Milton Keynes District General Hospital is to close 40 acute beds and cancel all non-urgent operations in February and March because of a £300,000 budget over-run.

Mr Colin Price, the unit general manager, said yesterday that the closure would add 300 patients to the hospital's waiting lists while hundreds more who had been waiting a year for surgery will have to wait longer.

"We were heading for an overspend of £300,000 this year, mainly due to the fact that we are treating more patients than we have the funds to do so," Mr Price said.

On Tuesday he was ordered by the district health authority to reduce the overspend to £180,000. As from next month patients needing non-urgent operations for hernias, varicose veins or hip replacements will not be admitted.

Mr Price said that a day surgery unit would provide outpatient services and the hospital would maintain an urgent and emergency service.

He said that the overspend had largely resulted from increased demands on the hospital because of a rising local population.

"Although the hospital was designed to treat two-thirds of the people in the area, we are now seeing over 90 per cent. Understandably, people do not want to travel 20 miles to the next hospital."

Mr Price said that the number of operations carried out at the hospital had increased by 15 per cent in the past year. The number of outpatient appointments had increased by 20 per cent and day care by 30 per cent.

Milton Keynes hospital has 2,150 people waiting for operations and another 350 for day surgery. About 670 patients have been waiting for more than a year, nearly half of them for gynaecological operations.

Mr Price said the two-month closure would save an estimated £60,000, well short the health authority's target.

In Northampton, the district health authority yesterday agreed in principle to the closure of the town's 60-bed Harborough Road Hospital. A consultation paper proposed that some services could be relocated

A spokesman said the proposed closure was part of a 10-year plan, designed to save an annual £3 million by 1994.

Portfolio —Gold— Family's help in solo win

A former estates manager at London University made a clean sweep of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

The lucky winner, Miss Gina Richards, of Chulmleigh, Devon, has been playing Portfolio Gold since the game first appeared in *The Times*, helped by her family who check the numbers.

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Miss Richards: clean sweep

No expulsion for Gandhi conspirator

A Central Criminal Court judge decided yesterday not to recommend the deportation of a man serving 14 years for conspiring to murder Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian prime minister.

Mr Justice McCullough reduced by one year the sentence imposed on Sukhvinder Gill, aged 31, a dyer, of Worthington Street, Leicester, at Birmingham Crown Court last month.

He ordered that a 16-year sentence imposed on Jarnail Ramana, aged 46, a company director, of Canon Street, Leicester, should stand.

He said he would make no recommendation for deportation, "in the interest of Gill's wife and two children". Mr Michael Mansfield, counsel for Gill, said he would be arrested by the Indian government if he was deported.

Riot police on duty for cup clash

Police with riot gear will escort coaches carrying Leeds and Telford football supporters in heavily guarded convoys to Sunday's FA Cup clash at West Bromwich.

The Football Association, which decided to hold the game at West Bromwich Albion's ground to avoid trouble at tiny non-league Telford United, is being sent the £20,000 bill for the police operation.

The tough security measures are being taken because of Leeds fans' reputation for causing trouble.

Crash pilot is sent for trial

The pilot of a microlight aircraft which crashed during a school fete at Fordingbridge, Hampshire, in September, killing a woman, was committed for trial to Bournemouth Crown Court by at Ringwood, Dorset, yesterday.

Stephen Warburton-Pitt, aged 35, an engineer, of Hightown Road, Ringwood, is accused by the Civil Aviation Authority of recklessly or negligently acting in a manner likely to endanger the aircraft and persons inside. He also faces a charge of causing the aircraft to endanger persons and property.

Gillick's son fined £125

Benedict Gillick, a son of Mrs Victoria Gillick, the morals campaigner, was fined £125, with £50 costs, on Thursday after being found guilty of carrying a knife as an offensive weapon.

Magistrates at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, were told Gillick, aged 18, of Old Market Place, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, took the knife to defend himself against a teenager who had been abusive about his mother. He was cleared of a charge of assault causing actual bodily harm.

Celtic player sent for trial

Maurice Johnston, the Celtic and Scotland football player, was sent for trial yesterday at Glasgow Sheriff Court, accused of punching a man at a city discotheque.

Johnston, aged 23, of Burnt Broom, Mount Vernon, Glasgow, who did not appear, entered a not guilty plea. The trial starts on March 16.

Aids infection

Deaths could rise to 10,000

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The toll from Aids in Britain in the next few years is likely to be higher than the 4,000 deaths by 1990 forecast by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services.

Since quoting the figure on Thursday, Mr Fowler has conceded that in five years it is possible that between 5,000 and 10,000 British victims of the disease will have died.

Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, did not challenge a report yesterday that 25,000 people will have Aids in the UK by 1992.

The latest stage of the Government's publicity campaign on Aids has shown that Mr Fowler and his advisers are increasingly pessimistic about the future of the epidemic in Britain.

Leading specialists believe that between 40,000 and 100,000 people in Britain are now carriers.

The Government's chief medical officer, Sir Donald Acheson, issued a warning on Thursday that whatever the true figures, more than half of them are likely to develop Aids in the next few years.

Only six months ago, the Department of Health and Social Security estimate was that 10 to 20 per cent were at risk.

That figure has been creeping higher in recent months, along with official calculations of the number of carriers. The commonly quoted estimate is 30,000, but Mr Fowler now accepts that there may be at least 40,000, and probably more.

The most accurate forecasts available are based on the estimates by government scientists of the number of people now infected with the Aids virus, and the calculations of how many will go on to develop fatal symptoms.

Most researchers believe that the proportion who eventually develop disease could prove to be as high as 90 per cent. Accurate forecasting is almost impossible because of the shortage of scientific data.

Specialists agree that sufferers develop symptoms within five years of infection. On that basis, and assuming that 50 per cent of carriers develop Aids, by 1992 there could be an accumulative total of 20,000 to 50,000 cases; of whom about half would have died.

An unofficial version of that forecast, made by a government health statistician, was contained in a document quoted in yesterday's issue of *Today*.

Mr Fowler would not comment on the document when interviewed on BBC television's *Newsnight* on Thursday. But he said it was possible that between 5,000 and 10,000 Aids deaths could occur by 1992.

Mr Newton said yesterday: "We are trying to make the best responsible estimates we can.

"There is a good deal of statistical uncertainty. The estimate of 30,000 people with the virus is very much an estimate. It could be wrong by up to 50 per cent either way."

Nobody could be sure how many people with the virus would go on to get Aids, he said. "So there is room for a lot of different statistical information."

Royal victim is message of Easter play

Aids is contracted by a member of the Royal Family in the script of a new play spotlighting public attitudes to the epidemic (Ian Smith writes).

The co-authors yesterday refused to disclose the identity of the royal personage involved in the 45-minute play, entitled *Royal Visit*.

It is scheduled to be staged during Easter week at venues throughout the country.

A copy of the script will be sent next week to Buckingham Palace, which yesterday refused to comment.

- The Princess of Wales will formally open a new Aids ward at Middlesex Hospital. The £350,000 purpose-built ward will accept patients from January 19.
- The Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, criticized the Government's new Aids television advertisement as "horrible".
- A man, thought to be an Aids victim, appeared in court at Great Yarmouth yesterday wearing a face mask and with both wrists bandaged.

The man, who was remanded in custody on burglary charges, was brought into court by a separate route from other prisoners.

- Adrian King, aged 18, an Aids victim, who went on a £2,000 deception spree was at Horseferry Magistrates' Court yesterday sent in custody for sentence at Southwark Crown Court. He was refused bail in spite of his plea that as a terminally sick man he missed vital hospital treatment while held on remand.

£49 return flights to Paris planned

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A small French travel company which successfully fought a court action to force lower air fares in Europe, is again set to tweak the tails of British Airways and Air France.

Less than a week after the two state-owned companies announced a limited number of return flights between London and Paris for £59, Nouvelle Frontieres said it would be offering unrestricted tickets at just £49.

The Paris-based company is using a loophole in the tight regulations that govern the pricing of airline tickets between Britain and France to offer "seat only" tickets on Boeing 737 jets they have chartered from Britannia Airways.

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"We are determined to break up the monopoly which exists between the big airlines," M Renaud Moliere, the company's UK manager, said.

"We are certain that many things will change in Europe after the privatization of British Airways and we want to be in a good position to offer cheap flights for holiday-makers on both sides of the Channel."

Last April the company was taken to court for allegedly selling tickets below the government-approved fare levels. But it argued that the rules were in breach of the Treaty of Rome and won the case.

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Environment battle 'must not threaten economic success'

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Britain's fight against environmental pollution must not be allowed to threaten business and industry success, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Envirnoment, said last night.

Mr Ridley said: "We have to judge whether the realizeable benefits of measures to eradicate pollution outweigh the costs to industry and consumers, domestic and industrial, which our measures impose.

"We must recognize that pollution arises for the most part from activities which meet the demand of consumers and improve living standards. What we must do is work with the grain, striking a balance between the needs of the environment and the requirements of a successful economy."

Speaking in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, on his attitude towards pollution, he said that the polluter, not the taxpayer, must pay for remedies. But he gave a warning against a "knee-jerk reaction" to every new pollution scare.

"The polluter must pay, but even a government composed of a combination of Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace would have to make a judgement about the balance between the needs of the environment and those of the customers of industry, all of us."

While Mr Ridley's remarks are likely to anger environmentalists and the green lobby, he insisted that the Government's approach of combining scientifically proven remedies for pollution with a realistic justification of what industry could achieve and afford, had resulted in substantial improvements to the environment.

He said: "All political parties are acutely conscious of the importance of environmental issues and I believe there is a temptation to which politicians of other parites have often succumbed to pretend that all demands can be satisfied 100 per cent.

"Thus the Labour and Liberal parties will talk in general terms about reviving the economy, yet will as often as not oppose particular proposals which would contribute to that revival because of a perceived threat to the environment."

The Government's recent decision to spend £600 million on retro-fitting three coal-fired power stations in an attempt to reduce acid rain was an example of its balanced approach.

The cost would add 1.5 per cent to electricity bills, which was a price worth paying. Yet Labour wanted all power stations treated, while seldom mentioning electricity prices would have to go up by 6 per cent.

Mr Ridley said: "Our commitment to the environment is genuine and our achievements are substantial, even though the terms in which we conduct the debate are more measured and considered than some enthusiasts might wish".



Jon Kell (above), aged three, will be following The Straw Bear today as he tours the market town of Whittlesey, near Peterborough, collecting money for local charities.

For his father, Mr Brian Kell, a Civil Servant and member of the Whittlesey Society, a local history group, is beneath the straw.

The bear traditionally makes his appearance on the Saturday before Plough Monday. His origins are obscure. He may be a cousin of other straw bears found across Europe. Or he could have been inspired by the performing bears which once toured rural England.

The tradition was revived in 1980. It was suppressed in 1909 by magistrates who felt it encouraged begging.

Plough Monday was from medieval times a day when ploughs or model ploughs were blessed by a parish priest.

Hatton drops job dismissal action

Mr Derek Hatton, the Militant expelled from the Labour Party, has withdrawn his claim for unfair dismissal against Knowsley Borough Council, his former employers.

Mr Hatton, who worked 17.5 hours a week to earn his salary of £11,000 a year, was dismissed last July after an investigation into his employment record.

The former Liverpool City Council leader claimed his dismissal was a political move by his opponents and lodged an appeal, which was overruled last September.

But yesterday Mr Hatton backed down amid claims that the tribunal proceedings could be "very embarrassing" for Mr Hatton.

The industrial tribunal office in Liverpool confirmed that the claim had been withdrawn earlier this week.

Mr Hatton says he is earning enough in his new job as a public relations officer. He set up his company, Settleside, last October.

"I think the way in which Knowsley handled the whole thing was disgraceful and a disgrace to the whole Labour movement," he said.

"But I do have another job which is going very well, and in the light of that I have decided to withdraw my action against them."

A spokesman for the council said: "Mr Hatton's actions are a matter for himself and his legal advisers".

£1m legal aid saving on court attendance

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors are no longer to be paid under the legal aid scheme for attending formal uncontested committal proceedings on their clients' behalf.

The decision to end legal aid payments, from February 1, is expected to cut about £1 million off the legal aid bill.

The Law Society has been pressing for the move for some time because it believes substantial savings can be made.

The society said: "It also saves solicitors' time. There are substantial numbers of cases where it is not necessary for the solicitor to attend."

The legislation enabling solicitors to exercise the option not to attend uncontested committal proceedings has been in force for several years.

But it is only within the past few months, as a result of the issue being raised before the new joint standing commission on efficiency which has been set up between the Government and the legal profession, that non-attendance is to be encouraged as routine practice.

The Law Society's legal aid committee has issued guidance that "solicitors should be expected to exercise the option not to attend court in appropriate cases" and from next month they will not be paid if they do so.

But solicitors will still be expected to go to court where written statements have not been heard 14 days in advance, to allow good time for them to take instructions from clients and decide whether attendance is needed; where there is to be any application for bail or a variation of a bail condition or any other application such as the lifting of reporting restrictions or for legal aid.

To some extent the success of the scheme will depend on the ability of the new crown prosecution service to get the relevant papers to solicitors early.

That has proved a difficulty in some courts, but gradually the system is improving.

Docklands gains air clearance

By Harvey Elliott

Trials of a steep-approach aircraft landing system for the London docklands Stolport have proved successful.

A de Havilland Dash 7 aircraft, of the type which will use the Stolport, was used in tests conducted by the Civil Aviation Authority at Stansted airport.

Aircraft normally approach a runway at a three degree angle. But the heavily built-up area around the Stolport will force them to land at an angle of 7.5 degrees.

The CAA, which will provide air traffic control services for the airport, due to open next October, wanted to ensure that such an approach could be safely monitored.

Four airlines seeking permission to operate from the airport are each to claim at a hearing in March that they should be given sole rights for flights to European cities.

MP doubts safety of Channel tunnel

By Our Political Staff

A Labour MP accused the Government and Eurotunnel yesterday of putting economic considerations before the safety of passengers using the proposed Channel tunnel.

Mr Nick Raynsford, MP for Fulham, angered by the refusal of Eurotunnel, backers of the project, to allow him into a press conference yesterday, held his own briefing to condemn the plan for passengers to travel in their vehicles.

He has put down amendments to the Channel Tunnel Bill, to be debated next Tuesday, calling for an investigation to look at the possibility of passengers travelling in separate compartments to reduce the fire risk.

At the press conference held by Eurotunnel, Air Commodore Ian Young, head of security for the tunnel, said that guidelines on security measures were expected within the next few weeks in the form of protocols to the Tunnel Treaty. These were being worked out in talks between the two governments.

They would cover the use of firearms by French police in the tunnel and on trains passing through the tunnel and in the United Kingdom; and on the use of electronic devices and sniffer dogs to detect explosives, drugs and other prohibited substances.

In advance of the Commons committee debate on safety in the tunnel, Mr Richard Dixon, director of public affairs for Eurotunnel, said: "One of the reasons we won the concession was that our project was considered to be the safest of those put to the two governments – the safest from the passengers' point of view and the least vulnerable to sabotage and terrorist action".

DeLorean fees dispute

Lotus appeals over tax bill

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

In the latest episode of the long-running dispute between Group Lotus and the Inland Revenue over allegedly unpaid tax on fees received from Mr John DeLorean's companies, the sports car and engineering consultancy company has appealed against a High Court judgement.

Mr Alan Curtis, chairman of Group Lotus, said an appeal had been lodged and added that "Group Lotus is completely clear of any liability whatsoever".

Lotus will hope to overturn a decision last December by the High Court to uphold the Inland Revenue's appeal against a decision by the tax commissioners in 1984 to disallow an £85 million protective tax assessment made by the tax officers.

Asked whether the tax issue had delayed the announcement on the location of a plant for a proposed new Lotus sports car, code named the X-100, Mr Curtis said: "We are not able to make a decision".

The plant, which is expected to employ 1,200 people, building more than 3,000 sports cars a year, could well be built outside Britain as the company has made it clear that the level of grant aid available will decide the location.

The short list of sites includes Humberside, The Netherlands, Austria, the Irish Republic and Canada. There seems little prospect of Lotus extending its current car building and engineering operation at Hethel, near Norwich, as the project would attract only minimal government grants.

The Netherlands may have an advantage as assistance for investment in areas of high unemployment could top 40 per cent of the capital costs.

In Britain, Lotus has approved a secluded site at Barton-upon-Humber where adequate privacy for the proposed test track could be ensured.

On top of the Regional Development Grant – 15 per cent of capital costs or £3,000 per job – the Government could agree a selective financial grant sufficient to keep the plant in Britain.

In the case of the £300 million Nissan car plant at Sunderland, the Government contributed about £100 million.

While Humberside would be within easy reach of the company's Hethel headquarters, Lotus Group is seriously considering a site in Canada.

Honda, Toyota, Suzuki, and Hyundai have all put up plants in Canada recently to take advantage of the zero import duty for exports to America for cars reaching a modest 60 per cent local content.

Lotus plans to build at least 3,000 of the £12,000 sports cars annually with perhaps half being sold in North America.

Policeman in Duke incident to leave force

A police superintendent told off by the Duke of Edinburgh for trying to photograph him while off duty on New Year's Day is to retire from the Durham county force.

Supt Barry Purdy, aged 51, is to take up a post in supermarket security after being summoned to a meeting with Mr Fred Wilson, the force's assistant chief constable, to explain the embarrassing incident.

He was not available for comment yesterday at Durham County police station.

Mr Purdy, a former Durham police press officer, made headlines when, while having a new year holiday near Sandringham, he attempted to take a photograph of the Duke of Edinburgh.

That annoyed the Duke, who suggested he move his car and go home.

Inquiry into removal of statues cancelled

An official inquiry into the removal and sale of statues from the gardens of an historic Scottish mansion which was to proceed next week was cancelled yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, had appointed the deputy chief recorder, Mr William Campbell, to preside over an inquiry next Tuesday into the case, but the hearing was withdrawn last night after defects in the legal process were uncovered.

Thirteen pieces, including statues of the Duke of Wellington and Lord Nelson, several stone urns, a 1731 sundial, and figures representing characters from Greek mythology were taken to London last January after being sold by Mr Willem Meijer, a Dutch real estate agent who was then the owner of Lennel House in Berwickshire.

At the time the statues were removed, Mr Meijer was in the process of selling the Grade A Scottish Heritage classified building to a Yorkshire businessman, Mr Eugene Taylor, but reserved the right to keep the statues which were located in an Italianate garden which he did not consider to be covered by the official listing.

The sale of the statues drew protests from the Borders Regional Council, which served enforcement notices on Mr Meijer in an attempt to have the removal stopped, but the notices arrived after the rare stone sculptures had been taken by lorry to the premises of T Crowther and Sons, auctioneers of Fulham, south-west London.

The appellants said that the Borders Regional Council had not allowed them the statutory time limit in which to return the statues.

Satellite broadcasting

Thames in £3.5m challenge

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Thames Television has been given permission to take a £3.5 million equity stake in the Luxembourg company which intends next year to launch a 16-channel trans-European television satellite.

This increases the chance that British Satellite Broadcasting, the consortium led by Granada Television which was last month awarded the British direct broadcasting by satellite franchise by the IBA, will face intense competition.

Thames was given the all clear by the Independent Broadcasting Authority to buy 5 per cent of Société Européene des Satellites, a company sponsored by the Luxembourg government.

The advanced technology American-made satellite is scheduled to be launched next year by a French Ariane rocket, and is likely to enter service at least two years before the BSB service.

It will be able to transmit programmes to 92 per cent of European homes, according to Thames.

Thames was also given authority to exercise an option to take a further 5 per cent share in June for an additional £3.5 million.

It is considering expanding its relationship with the Luxembourg company to take one or more transmitting channels on the satellite. Such a step would require further approval from the IBA.

The move by Thames intensifies the confusion surrounding the launch of broadcasting satellite services in Europe.

Thames has refused to participate as an equity investor in SuperChannel, the pan-European satellite channel aimed at cable television viewers being launched later this month by the other main ITV companies and the Virgin Group.

Its move to take a stake in the Luxembourg satellite suggests that it may be considering launching a rival service.

The Thames investment also challenges the established satellite service of Eutelsat, a consortium of European telecommunication administrations which includes British Telecom.

Eutelsat, which at present dominates the market for satellite transmission of programmes to cable systems throughout Europe, is fighting to stop the Luxembourg service from going ahead, claiming that it will compete unfairly.

BSB said it does not consider the Luxembourg satellite a threat, because to receive programmes from the satellite will require a dish aerial of about 80cm in diameter, while the three-channel BSB satellite will be able to transmit programmes into aerials half that size.

But other satellite experts say it is too soon to tell whether viewers will prefer to buy a small aerial capable of receiving only three channels, or a larger one able to pick up 16 programmes.

Mother sees her abducted daughter

Patricia Callow, the mother whose daughter Nele, aged five, was abducted eight days ago, was granted eight hours with the child in Belgium yesterday.

Although she was made a ward of court by a judge in Nottingham to protect her, Nele was snatched by her father, Mr Joris Piu, from her home in Bulwell, Nottinghamshire, and taken secretly to Belgium.

Mrs Callow, aged 21, travelled to Belgium to get her daughter back and has been granted one day a week with Nele – from 10am to 6pm – until a court hearing in Belgium to determine who will have custody of the girl.

The hearing has been fixed for the beginning of February.

Extradition case remand

A woman accused of murdering her father and his wife was remanded in custody until January 30 when she appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in London yesterday to face extradition charges to the United States.

Elizabeth Haysom, aged 22, and Jens Soering, aged 20, both of no fixed address, are accused of murdering Derek Haysom, aged 71, and his wife Nancy, aged 52, between March 29 and March 31, 1985, at their home in Bedford, Virginia. Mr Soering was also remanded in custody.

Blast victims go to court

Survivors and relatives of those who died in the Abbeystead disaster in Lancashire begin their fight for compensation on Tuesday when a civil court hearing to determine liability starts at Lancaster Castle.

Sixteen people died and 28 were injured in the explosion at the underground water pumping station in May 1984.

Two on horse theft charges

Two thoroughbreds which went missing from the stables of Mr Kamal Sharbatly, an Arab owner, at St George's Farm, Old Windsor, Berkshire, have been found by police.

They were discovered in Sunningdale, near by. A man and woman have been charged with theft.

100 jobs go

Aitons, the engineering company, is making 100 workers redundant at its factory in Derby. It is hoped that most of the redundancies will be voluntary.

THE SINKING OF LEW GRADE

How the plug was pulled on the man who tried to raise the Titanic



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WORLD SUMMARY

EEC compromise likely on budget

Brussels — On the eve of his tour of EEC capitals, which starts today in Rome, M Jacques Delors, the Commission president, held crisis talks yesterday with senior officials from the European Parliament and the Belgian Government — which holds the presidency of the Council of Ministers — on a compromise solution to the 1987 budget problem (Richard Owen writes).

Mr Henning Christophersen, the EEC Budget Commissioner, said there was a good chance that the budget, which is being held up by differences between the Parliament and the Council of Ministers over spending levels, would be in force by the end of this month.

The compromise involves incorporating into the budget anticipated savings in farm spending following the dairy and beef quota cuts agreed in December by farm ministers under the chairmanship of Mr Michael Jopling, the Agriculture Minister, an achievement cautiously hailed as the long-needed beginning to radical reform of the common agricultural policy.

Gulf missile denial

Athens — The cargo ship Norasia Karsten, which is suspected of firing a missile at an American helicopter in the Gulf this week, has been identified as a Greek-registered container ship owned by a Liberian company based in Piraeus (Mario Modiano writes).

However, the ship's agent in Piraeus, Mr Vasilis Constantakopoulos, denied that the vessel was armed with anti-aircraft missiles. "There is not even a handgun on board," he said.

He said that the ship was in the area at the time of the incident, but he had spoken to the captain every day and he had mentioned nothing.

The Defence Department in Washington said that an anti-aircraft missile was fired by an unidentified merchant ship at a helicopter from the destroyer O'Bannon, patrolling in the Gulf, but missed it by 500 yards. Officials were reported to have said the ship was Greek.

Tribal raid

Dhaka — Tribal separatists blew up a power station in Bangladesh's south-eastern Chittagong Hill Tracts on Thursday. It was the third attack in a week on electricity facilities in the region (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The blast plunged the district of Dighinala into darkness. The incident occurred only 30 miles from Khagrachari township, the scene of violent clashes between separatist tribal guerrillas and Bengali settlers on Christmas Day in which 18 people were killed.

Paris cuts Soviet oil

Paris — France will cut by 50 per cent its oil imports from the Soviet Union in the first quarter of this year as an incitement to Moscow to take action on France's 4 billion francs (£425 million) trade deficit with Russia (Diana Geddes writes).

The measure comes after a freeze on French imports of Russian oil during December. The Trade Ministry in Paris said the cuts were not intended to reduce total imports from Russia, but rather to provoke the Russians into buying more French goods.

Canada coin mystery

Ottawa — The Royal Canadian Mint has changed the design of a new one-dollar coin after the master dies mysteriously disappeared while being shipped from Ottawa to the mint's production facility in Winnipeg, Manitoba (John Best writes).

The 12-sided coin will now no longer depict voyageurs in a canoe, as originally intended. The other side shows a portrait of the Queen.

The loss of the dies was disclosed by the mint on Thursday afternoon, nearly two months after police had been called in to investigate the disappearance.



Roussel charged

Paris — M Thierry Roussel, aged 34, left, the fourth husband of Christina Onassis, was charged here yesterday with fraudulent bankruptcy following the discovery of the transfer of about 7 million francs (£750,000) to a Swiss bank account after the liquidation of one of his companies (Diana Geddes writes).

Aids victim rejected

New York (NYT) — Monsignor James F. Rigney, the rector of Saint Patrick's Cathedral here, has refused to perform a religious marriage ceremony for a man dying of Aids who wanted to renew the civil vows he made three years ago.

Mr David Hefner said that he was told of the decision after a priest at the cathedral had set a date for the ceremony. The rector said he had reversed the priest's decision because it was "my own pastoral judgment" that people in a "life-threatening situation" would receive better pre-marriage counselling in their local parish than at the cathedral.

Chirac calls for calm as anti-strike fury rises

From Diana Geddes, Paris

As public anger mounted yesterday over the continuing crippling strikes in France, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, appealed for restraint and warned against violent confrontations.

"What I fear the most as the days pass is the emergence of a mood of exasperation," he said during a ceremony at the Paris Hôtel de Ville. "I would not like to see confrontations as a result of initiatives by irresponsible and politicized minorities in protest against the strikes."

While he supported the call by M Jacques Toubon, the General Secretary of the Gaullist RPR party, for spontaneous non-violent protests, he was "very reserved" about the call by M Roland Nungesser, a former Gaullist minister, for a national mass demonstration in the style of the march up the Champs Elysées in support of General de Gaulle after the student riots and trade union strikes in May 1968.

M Chirac went on to reaffirm the Government's determination "not to do anything which could in the end impose a high cost on French taxpayers". In other words, no pay concessions.

On the other hand, the Government was quite open to negotiation over conditions of service, he said.

M Chirac was speaking as the first real signs emerged of a weakening of resolve in the rail dispute, now in its fourth week, following Thursday night's slightly improved offer from management on conditions of service.

M Jacques Douffiagues, the Transport Minister, immediately said he believed that "all the conditions are now assembled for an honourable end to the conflict and for a return to work as soon as possible". The unions, for their part, seem uncertain how to react.

Not one has officially called for an end to the strike, but the Socialist CFDT union said yesterday that it did not think any more could be obtained from the strike. However, the Communist-led CGT union warned its members against "other unions who are seeking a way out without having obtained anything significant for rail workers".

Meanwhile, the electricity and Paris public transport strikes appeared to get worse yesterday with further lengthy power cuts throughout the country and renewed traffic chaos in the capital.

Although the seamen's and dockers' strikes are now over, the port of Marseilles was still paralysed yesterday as a result of the strike by the dock's administrative staff. The company operating the south European oil pipeline which serves major refineries in Germany, Switzerland and France, said it would have to cease all activity if the strike was not over by Monday.

While barely one in 10 of posts and telecommunications workers are following their unions' strike calls, in the government arsenals about 50 per cent have stopped work, and the first group of miners has begun protests against planned 60 per cent job cuts in the industry by occupying a mine at Valenciennes in the Nord.

Russians have high hopes for Thatcher role in arms talks

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher's visit to Moscow at the end of March could give her an important role in the East-West arms control dialogue, the Soviet Ambassador to Britain said yesterday.

Mr Leonid Zamyatin said Moscow attached great importance to continuing and deepening the dialogue with her. When asked if she could serve as a channel of communication to the White House on arms control, he said, "We consider that these talks with Mrs Thatcher will be very useful even for that aspect."

Further endorsements of the importance of her visit came from Mr Max Kampelman, chief US negotiator to the Geneva arms control talks.

He said that President Reagan would welcome any suggestions that came out of her talks with Mr Gorbachov.

"We have a very high regard for Mrs Thatcher and her leadership," he said.

In a separate development, it was disclosed yesterday that a controversial proposal made by Mr Reagan at the Reykjavik summit has been left out of American documents tabled at the Geneva talks.

Mr Kampelman said the US had not tabled the proposal that all ballistic missiles should be eliminated within 10 years. The documents form the basis for talks between Mr Kampelman and Mr Viktor Karpov, chief Soviet negotiator, which resume on Thursday.

The plan was strongly opposed by the European allies, led by Mrs Thatcher, because of fears that it would prove destabilizing. At Camp David in November she persuaded Mr Reagan to sign a set of arms control priorities which made no mention of the 10-year goal.

In December, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in effect adopted the Camp David priorities, which emphasize elimination of intermediate-range missiles in Europe and a 50 per cent cut in strategic weapons over five years.

Mr Kampelman said the US would focus on the five-year plan in Geneva.

Other US officials confirmed that the proposal to eliminate all ballistic missiles had not been put in writing, but had been offered verbally and still constituted a US proposal.

Mr Kampelman said that it was the Russians' turn to make concessions at Geneva, but sounded hopeful. His optimism, however, appeared unrealistic after the firm line taken yesterday in other statements by Mr Zamyatin.

The Soviet ambassador made it clear that Moscow was in no mood for compromise on its all-or-nothing approach.

Mr Gorbachov has insisted on a comprehensive plan to eliminate all nuclear weapons in two stages and to ban space testing of the US Strategic Defence Initiative.



South African blacks queueing at a Home Affairs office in Johannesburg to be fingerprinted for new identity papers.

South African crackdown

ANC success spawns new press laws

From George Brock
Port Elizabeth

Mr Koos Viviers, editor-in-chief of three local papers here, took a telephone call from the security police yesterday morning.

The policeman said that he wanted to interview Mr Viviers in his office but could not discuss the subject over the phone.

"Do you mean," said Mr Viviers, "that you people are not the only ones tapping the phones?" Mr Viviers was one of two dozen editors who received such calls and visits yesterday as the Government leant yet again on the English-language press in the wake of the African National Congress's anniversary celebrations.

The ANC's recent political and diplomatic successes, combined with the turbulence of the past 2½ years, has brought new challenges to the Government's determination to keep it away from the centre of the political stage. New circumstances have spawned new laws.

Two new ones appeared in the middle of Thursday night, when the *Eastern Province Herald* was just about to start printing. After consultation with lawyers and group headquarters in Johannesburg, an advertisement appealing for the release of Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the ANC, was pulled out of the edition.

The day before, the paper had published an advertisement calling for the unbanning of the ANC. Political advertisements, says Mr Viviers, are a new phenomenon and have been encouraged by the Government. "The Bureau of Information," he said, "have been using the press to attack the press and setting everybody a good example."

He had taken some abusive calls from readers about the advertisement, but no more than the paper normally gets when it misprints a crossword clue. He had lost the second advertisement because the newspaper deadline was just after midnight, the favourite for the publication of new regulations in the government gazette. "We're thinking of moving our deadlines forward by half an hour," he said.

"The ANC can now only be discussed in derogatory terms," said Mr Viviers. "I will be very surprised if this stands up to legal challenge."

The ANC is by no means the only matter which the Government has recently stopped Mr Viviers's reporters writing about. An entire category of important local journalism dealing with relations between the black townships and the authorities is now all but out of bounds.

Newspapers such as the three here are caught in a double bind. Tensions in the townships and recent detentions mean that people are far less willing than they used to be to give or offer information. If a story involving allegations of police misconduct is followed up, the paper may well — under one of several possible laws — be unable to print the results of its inquiries.

"I dont like admitting it," said Mr Viviers, "but if you have limited resources, as we do, you are now less likely to assign people to spend a lot of time on stuff which at the end of the day you may not get into the paper.

"What really upsets me is that the relationship between a newspaper and its sources deteriorates, so that we are less well-informed than we used to be. We used to tell the readers that there were things that we couldn't tell them. Now we don't even know about those things in the first place."

Moscow fury over 'warnography' film

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A US television epic called *Amerika*, which depicts the US devastated by a cruel Soviet military occupation, presents a bizarre new threat to the deteriorating state of superpower relations.

Pravda, the official Communist Party paper, condemned the 16-hour serial as "a deliberate act of psychological warfare". Soviet television has also attacked the film, due to be screened next month, which has prompted high-level protest from the Kremlin.

Embarassed members of the American ABC network in Moscow refused to comment on the contents of the *Pravda* attack, but it is known that members of its editorial staff fear reprisals may be taken against their coverage of Soviet affairs.

Soviet officials have said they regard the film as more damaging in its message than other recent anti-Soviet box office successes such as *Rambo* and *Rocky IV*, which depicted an American boxer defeating a villainous Soviet opponent.

The whole genre has been classified by the maverick Soviet poet, Mr Yevgeny Yevtushenko, as "warnography".

Reflecting the Kremlin's anger, *Pravda* said: "It is an act of subversion against the growth of mutual understanding and co-operation between the peoples of our countries.

"Small wonder that the anti-Soviet serial is being released at a time when the criticism of the foreign policy of the Administration keeps growing in the US, and when the sentiments in favour of accords with the Soviet Union on the principles of equality and general security are becoming stronger."

The paper claimed that the serial, which would be seen by about 60 million viewers, depicted people being thrown into concentration camps and living under a nightmare regime.

Demonstrating the depth of resentment, *Pravda* said the Soviet Union had never invaded the US, in contrast to US forces which had intervened in Russia following the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

In a separate attack, Tass carried a report that a housewife in Nebraska, who was angered by the film's portrayal of the Russians, was organizing a campaign to send "comforters" decorated with American children's drawings to the Soviet Union, in a gesture designed to counter its hostile message.



Rambo: serial 'even more damaging to relations'.

Presidential hopefuls assess Iran arms scandal damage

With only just over a year until the weary pursuit through the New Hampshire snows of the vital first primary victory, America's aspiring presidential candidates are reassessing their chances in the wake of the Iran affair and the sudden change it has brought about in the political landscape.

The Republicans have been hurt more than the Democrats. Their loss has been compounded by the Democrats' capture of the Senate, emboldening them to confront the Reagan legacy head-on. And although, undoubtedly, the country will get bored with the scandal — it is already beginning to glaze over at the very mention of Iran — the debilitating effects of the congressional inquiries, likely to drag on for most of this year, will take their toll on those who sent Mr Reagan to the White House in 1980.

The most fickle, perhaps, are the young. Many adopted conservatism in a reaction against the flabby liberalism of the Establishment. They may now in turn revolt against a Republican Administration that so egregiously broke the New Right's crusading standards.

Another group likely to be wooed back by the Democrats are traditional, patriotic blue-collar and Southern voters, disgusted with the Carter record on Iran, who were attracted by the Reagan promise to stand tall. They are the ones still angered by Iran, the ones who feel most betrayed by the scandal. And with the shift of the Democratic Party to the right, they may return home in droves.

The Contra connection will also hurt the Republicans. Many voters are all for tough talk but are wary of foreign entanglements. The Democrats need no longer be fearful of appearing unpatriotic or soft on communism: the murky brand of interventionism by proxy practised in Central America has been widely discredited by the antics of Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North and his friends.

Undoubtedly the man most wounded by all this is Mr George Bush. The Vice-President has, until now, surged effortlessly forward as the heir to President Reagan. He has basked in reflected glory, made a virtue of dog-like loyalty, echoed the general but vaguely articulated philosophy of the Reagan revolution. Now that is hurting him.

He has the excruciating task of rallying around the President in the hour of his distress, while needing to show that he knew nothing of recent events and distancing himself from his mentor.

Despite a well-worded and vigorous speech on Iran last month, Mr Bush has suffered a possibly fatal blow. He is still ahead in the polls, to be sure, and has raised far more money than his Republican rivals. But even his advisers are privately worrying that electoral bricks cannot be built without some straw from Bush himself.

His descent has been matched by the fast rise of Senator Robert Dole. Ironically, both of the setbacks to the Republicans have benefited his campaign.

The loss of the Senate, where he was majority leader, has given him more time for campaigning, while the return to the role of leader of the opposition is better suited to his abrasive nature. And he has manoeuvred skilfully through the Iranian minefield, with outspoken calls for change in the White House without ever appearing disloyal to the President. Only some 5 per cent separates him from Mr Bush now.

Mr Jack Kemp, trailing along third in the Republican stakes, has probably been more hurt than helped by Iran. Vacillating, as often in the past, he seems unable to decide whether to move further right and lead the calls for an end to America's self-abasement over the affair, or to ignore the issue and deploy his oratory instead on tax cuts, the Strategic Defence Initiative and the economy.

He has to ensure that he is not overtaken in the pursuit of the conservatives: even Mr Patrick Buchanan, the combative White House Communications Director, is muttering about a presidential run.

Iran has helped most Democrats, but mainly those who have refused to exploit the affair and have articulated, with bipartisan statesmanship, the national interest. Foremost among them is Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, the defence guru.

He has always been a Senate insider, a man of matchless knowledge and expertise who has lacked the public charisma to make him a likely presidential candidate. A cautious and precise man who sets his own pace, he may not feel ready to run yet. But many now see him as a valuable running-mate.

Senator Gary Hart has also done well, with studious moderation and a concentration on other issues (the "beef" so lacking in the fight against Mr Walter Mondale). Still the front-runner, he has capitalized on this with a well-timed visit to Moscow to take advant age of the floudering Administration policies on arms control.

Like most Democrats — except for the self-promoting figures like Congressman Stephen Solarz and Senator Joseph Biden — he has shied away from cheap shots on Iran, and is concentrating on building up a campaign machine (and raising much needed cash to pay off old debts).

Governor Mario Cuomo is still high on most lists, though Iran has suggested a need for some expertise in foreign affairs. Indeed, expertise of any kind is now in fashion again, in reaction to laissez-faire government in the White House. This will help young intellectuals such as Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey and former Governor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona, both ideas men. The latter has set out on the formal quest for nomination.

Iran will not be a determining factor by 1988. The economy is, as always, likely to be the dominating issue. But Iran has changed the terms of argument, especially over foreign policy, and winnowed out the media chaff such as Mr Biden and the Reagan soulmates, such as former Senator Paul Laxalt, while giving a real boost to men of substance and moderation, such as Senators Dole, Bradley and Nunn.

Washington View
By Michael Binyon

Israel says US shields Hezbollah

From Our Own Correspondent
Jerusalem

Israel has been obeying a US request not to attack Hezbollah (Party of God) bases in south Lebanon "because of the hostages", Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, has disclosed.

In the light of recent Hezbollah attacks in the "security zone" Israel has set up in southern Lebanon, that policy is now under intensive review.

During a speech in Tel Aviv on Thursday evening, Mr Rabin said some places had total immunity because of the hostages. He was strongly critical of the public American position that there should be no negotiations with terrorists about hostages.

Mr Rabin said the failure of the secret efforts to release all the hostages held by Hezbollah limited Israel's ability to strike at them. "As strange as it sounds, a deal that leads to the freeing of hostages could provide more effective freedom of action against terrorists because there is no fear of what would happen to the hostages," he said.

According to Mr Uri Lubrani, the Israeli co-ordinator for southern Lebanon, the recent spate of Hezbollah attacks means that Israel is bound to change its policy. "We shall have to find ways of having the cake and eating it," he said in a radio interview.

According to the latest Israeli military intelligence reports, Hezbollah has begun to institutionalize itself in southern Lebanon, having built up its strength there since the Israeli withdrawal in the summer of 1985. Throughout this period Israel has refrained from hitting it, in compliance with the American request.

The group is now believed to be feeling strong enough to build up its infrastructure and to attempt to acquire influence over the entire Shia Muslim population.

Israeli aircraft yesterday bombed four Palestinian guerrilla bases south-east of Sidon, and PLO fighters said three men were killed and eight wounded in sustained rocket fire (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes from Beirut).

Spain returns to attack over Gibraltar claim

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain will press its claim to the sovereignty of Gibraltar and complain about a lack of co-operation from the authorities on the Rock at next week's Anglo-Spanish talks in London, Madrid officials indicated yesterday.

The second round of talks, set up under the two countries' agreement in Brussels in 1984, begins on Tuesday and involves the foreign ministers. But the omens are poor.

Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, is disappointed with progress made by Spain since the frontier gates were opened two years ago.

He will meet Mrs Thatcher, believed by Madrid to be behind a toughened British stance.

A British Embassy spokesman yesterday corrected a Spanish radio report quoting a Foreign Office spokesman as ruling out talks on Madrid's proposals on sovereignty.

The embassy spokesman said Britain supported the Brussels agreement.

However, a Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman yesterday maintained his initial reaction to the radio report, calling the Foreign Office remarks "unusual and contradictory".

Neutral flag flies at disputed beach resort

From Ian Murray, Taba, Israeli-Egyptian border

They have changed the guard at Taba Crossing, although for the moment not so that anyone would really notice.

As of this week, men of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) have moved into a bright white observation box in the middle of this disputed beach resort, as part of a deal which some say could lead to peace in the Middle East.

The box, with its big sun-shade roof, stands on stilts surrounded by sandbags inside a barbed-wire fence. Nearby flies the orange-and-white flag of the MFO, which is not supported by the UN, in line with the thinking of many of the states who opposed the Camp David peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

From the top of the box, the watchman can see 300 yards to the north where the blue-and-white Israeli flag flies on a hill which Egypt says should be the border.

To the south, he can see the red-white-black flag of Egypt flying near the old British police post, which Israel claims is the true border.

Over by the 700-yard beach he can see the concrete slab of the five-star Sonesta Hotel, which has turned this previously unremarkable stretch of coastline into a huge and desirable dollar-earner.

While the MFO keeps watch, the lawyers and international arbitrators are starting to try to settle the dispute. It will take up to two years to reach a decision and meanwhile Israel stays in charge and the two countries man the border posts as before.

Taba continues to represent Egypt's main objection to establishing the good peaceful relations Israel hoped for when it signed the Camp David accords. Now that both sides must abide by the arbitration result, that problem should disappear and Israel hopes Egypt will then encourage Jordan to open similar negotiations for peace.

From their observation post, however, the men of the MFO can watch the continuing build-up of another war where peace is proving just as elusive. They can see the ships coming into Aqaba with the steady stream of armaments Iraq needs to keep on fighting Iran. The trade has turned the Jordanian port into a boom town over the past six years.

Eilat, the undisputed Israeli resort on the Gulf of Aqaba, is also booming, and is now a duty-free zone to encourage tourist spending. There are those in Eilat who privately say the resort would benefit if Egypt were to be given sovereignty of the land the hotel stands on. This would make it possible for a casino to be opened there.

Meanwhile, only the lobsters have an interest in seeing negotiations drag on. For some months now, pending an end to the dispute, Egypt has refused to fish them and send them north, leaving them to bask unmolested in the warm sea.

Fighting flares in Nicaragua

Re-equipped Contras seek to break through border cordon of steel

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

After a prolonged lull, there has been a resurgence of heavy fighting in northern Nicaragua, as several thousand Contra guerrillas have begun to infiltrate over the border from bases in neighbouring Honduras.

Combat is expected to intensify over the coming weeks as more insurgents, equipped and retrained by the United States, pour into the country.

The Contras were out of the fray for much of last year as the battle front shifted to Washington, where President Reagan had to fight hard to win them more military aid from a reluctant Congress.

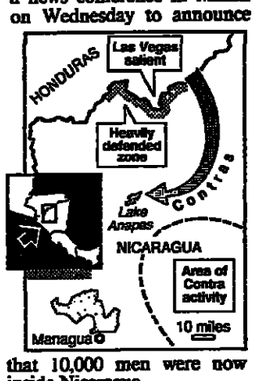
Since that political battle was won six months ago, the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), the main insurgent group, has been provided with tens of millions of dollars' worth of new arms and equipment. US Army specialists have also been training them.

But the rejuvenated Contras have had a hard time getting back into the fight.

They have been struggling for two months to break through a cordon of about 30,000 Nicaraguan troops strung along the Honduran border around what has become known as the Las Vegas Salient, a V-shaped wedge of Honduran territory where the main FDN bases are located.

A Western official who monitors closely the progress of the war said about 2,500 rebels recently succeeded in penetrating Nicaragua at points east of where the Army is concentrated.

Rebel political leaders held a news conference in Miami on Wednesday to announce



that 10,000 men were now inside Nicaragua.

The Defence Ministry in Managua said the Contras have no more than about 6,000 men in total after suffering 4,000 casualties which they were unable to replace last year. The Contras say they lost only 400 men in 1986.

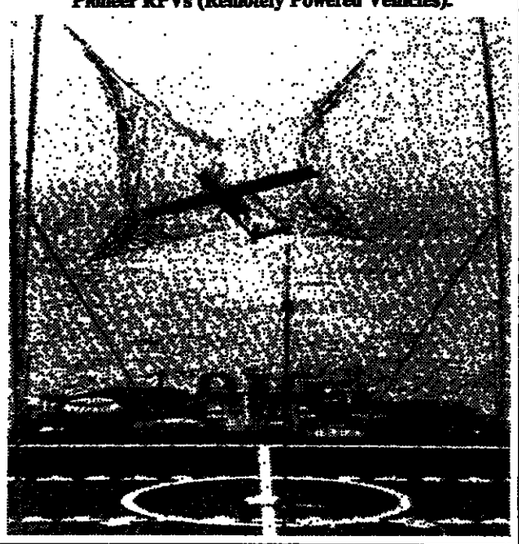
The Nicaraguan Army this week reported that there was heavy fighting in northern areas between the last week of December and January 5. It said 137 Contras were killed and 49 captured, while the Army lost 18 dead and 63 wounded. The casualties occurred in 103 separate skirmishes, although 21 Contras were killed on Monday when they ran into infantry and artillery in Matagalpa department, the Army communiqué said.

A spokeswoman for the United Nicaraguan Opposition, the insurgent political organization, was unable to give recent casualty figures when contacted by telephone in Miami, but said Managua had exaggerated the latest fighting. She quoted the FDN leader, Señor Adolfo Calero, as saying his forces were avoiding contact with the Nicaraguan Army as they moved deeper into Nicaragua to prepare for a guerrilla offensive in the weeks ahead.

Western diplomats in Managua expect the Contras to concentrate their attacks in northern Jinotega province around Lake Apanas in an effort to draw Army units away from the border and make the infiltration from Honduras of more insurgents easier.



An American "eye-in-the-sky" drone, above, taking off from the battleship Iowa, which carried five of the pilotless spy aircraft when it left port in Norfolk, Virginia, for "show the flag" exercises off Central America yesterday. Below, the flight ending successfully with a recovery in the ship's net. The new propeller-driven, Israeli-designed drones have a wing-span of nearly 17 ft. They are launched by catapault in a rocket-assisted take-off from the Iowa and recovered in the net after a maximum eight-hour endurance mission. The machines, which have a range of about 110 miles, are called Pioneer RPVs (Remotely Powered Vehicles).



US task force steps up pressure

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

An American task force of three warships is heading for the Caribbean for manoeuvres off Central America that are clearly designed to intensify psychological pressure on the Sandinista Government of Nicaragua. For the first time the battleship Iowa will carry five pilotless spy planes.

The Administration wants the Contras to demonstrate visible progress in the field to impress members of Congress who believe the war is going nowhere and that the United States should end aid to the rebels.

Pentagon officials would not say how long the manoeuvres would last but insisted that they were "routine". Mr Philip Habib, President Reagan's special Central American envoy, will leave next week for a tour of the region to explore Costa Rica's new peace initiative. He and Mr Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, discussed the plan in Miami on Tuesday with Señor Rodrigo Madrigal Nieto, Costa Rica's Foreign Minister.

The US is clearly not enthusiastic about the plan, even though it is believed to support America's call for direct talks between the Sandinista Government and the Contras.

American officials want the new plan to be much tougher on Nicaragua than the peace plan promoted by the Contadora group of Venezuela, Panama, Colombia and Mexico. That plan has become hopelessly bogged down

The new plan, too, faces formidable difficulties. President Ortega of Nicaragua has consistently refused to negotiate with US-backed rebels, and American officials are certain that he will reject the new overture. President Oscar Arias Sánchez of Costa Rica intends to visit West European capitals to seek their support.

Mr Abrams, the central architect of US attempts to bring down the Sandinista Government, said in Washington that the only way to break the deadlock was "through the military pressure the Contras can put on the Sandinista regime".

Mr Abrams and other senior Administration officials are angry that Senhor João Baena Soares, Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, last month visited Central America, including Nicaragua, as part of peace efforts. The US said he may have acted improperly by not seeking the body's formal endorsement.

Chad slaughter of fleeing Libyan soldiers reported

From Nicholas Beeston

Up to 800 Libyan troops and 300 Chadian rebels were slaughtered in fighting last week when Chad government forces overran a strategic oasis and captured "enormous quantities of Libyan equipment", diplomatic sources in Paris said yesterday.

Quoting French officials, the sources told *The Times* that the Chadian offensive on January 2 at Fada constituted one of the most crushing defeats for Colonel Gadaffi since he became embroiled in Chad in 1980. The loss of Fada, where 1,000 Libyans were based, was compounded by the defeat of Libyan forces at a second key stronghold at Zouar in the north-western Tibetsi region.

"When the attack at Fada occurred, many of the Libyans panicked and fled their positions," said one source. "It appears there was a massacre, in the sense that they were overwhelmed and were killed as they tried to escape."

Many Libyans who did manage to get away gave themselves up later to Chadian troops, rather than face the desert trek to Libyan lines at Faya Largeau.

The source said that Colonel Gadaffi had recalled his top military officers based in Chad, including the regional commander, Colonel Mahmoud Riffi. The overall Libyan operation in Chad is believed to be under the control of Colonel Gadaffi's second-in-command, Major Abdel Salam Jalloud.

At Fada, Chadian troops captured or destroyed an arsenal of Soviet-made equipment, including scores of Soviet-made T 55 tanks and light armoured vehicles, six fighter aircraft, helicopters, surface-to-air missiles, Sam-7 shoulder-held anti-aircraft missiles, artillery, and tons of ammunition, fuel and supplies.

According to the reports, French military advisers helped Chadian troops mount the attack and President Hissène Habré's forces have now established anti-aircraft batteries at the oasis.

Although there is no information about Colonel Gadaffi's response to the latest Libyan setback, he is believed to be committed to re-establishing his authority in northern Chad and diplomats report a massive build-up of Libyan forces north of the country's border with Sudan.

● DOUALA: The United States will not get involved in the conflict in Chad and believes the Chadian military effort has the main role in getting Libyan forces out, a senior official travelling with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said yesterday (Reuter reports).

But Mr Shultz, on a six-nation African tour, expects President Paul Biya of Cameroun to urge him to increase the $15 million US aid for Chad.

● MOSCOW: An official Soviet newspaper, *Sovietskaya Rossiya*, yesterday accused France, the United States and Israel of collaborating to turn Chad into a bridgehead for a permanent Western military presence in Africa (Reuter reports).

New trials planned in Argentina

From Eduardo Cue
Buenos Aires

Argentina's human rights organizations and four of the country's appeal courts, have begun a frenetic effort to prosecute military and police officers suspected of human rights violations before a new law banning such trials takes effect.

As part of this effort a coalition of 11 human rights groups filed a legal petition this week with the Supreme Council of Military Justice, asking it to inform the civil courts on the legal status of some 1,000 military officers, including seven generals, who are suspected of kidnapping, torturing and murdering alleged subversives

Under a controversial new law signed by President Alfonsín on December 24, persons not formally arraigned by the courtsby February 22 will be free from further prosecution on human rights violations committed during the military dictatorship.

The human rights coalition said that the military and civilian courts had so far failed to take action against all but about 30 of the 1,000 officers on their list, despite three years of prosecutions and human rights trials

Independent observers here have expressed the opinion that, despite the flurry of last-minute legal activity, no more than a handful of the suspected officers will actually be brought to trial.

American stockpile in Thailand

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

The United States and Thailand yesterday signed an agreement to establish a stockpile of US war supplies inside Thailand for use by both countries in emergencies. It will be the first American stockpile of arms in a foreign country without US bases.

No nuclear weapons will be in the stockpiles, and each government must consult the other before drawing on it. The value of the weapons, ammunition and other supplies in the stockpile is expected to be about $100 million (£71.5 million), with both governments sharing costs.

The agreement must be ratified by the US Congress before it becomes operational, probably by the end of the year. The agreement allows the US to use the stockpile for military operations beyond Thailand, but that is not likely, in view of US bases in the Philippines, South Korea and Japan.

The proposal for the stockpile came from Thailand after Vietnamese incursions into Thai territory, when US munitions had to be airlifted in urgently to meet the attacks.

Vietnam has condemned the stockpile as a ploy to bring US troops back to South-East Asia.

● PEKING: After four days, the biggest border clash between China and Vietnam in recent years appears to be drawing to a close (Robert Grieves writes).

Family killed by Sikh gang

Amritsar (AP) – A gang of Sikh extremists massacred the head of Tur village and five members of his family in a midnight raid on their home, and three other people were killed in another attack, according to police.

Mr Gurmej Singh, his wife, two daughters and two sons were shot to death by about 10 suspected Sikh extremists shortly before midnight on Thursday. Tur is about 22 miles south of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar.

In nearby Tarn Taran, six Sikh gunmen raided the farmhouse of Pappu Singh, whose father was murdered late last year for allegedly helping police capture Sikh extremists. He was not at home.

Poison oil trial

Madrid – After nearly six years of pre-trial investigation, the trial of 41 people accused in connection with the sale of adulterated rape seed oil, which allegedly led to at least 584 deaths, will begin on March 30.

Sea zone

Vienna (AP) – Bulgaria has announced that it is extending its jurisdiction more than 200 sea miles into the Black Sea, to establish an "exclusive economic zone".

Switch-off

Ljubljana (Reuter) – Yugoslavia's only nuclear power plant was shut down on Thursday night for the second time in two months due to a technical fault.

Drug smuggler

Noumea (Reuter) – Malcolm Ross, an Australian, has been jailed here for six years on drug smuggling charges and fined £585,000.

Cholera state

Kuala Lumpur (AP) – Kedah state in north-western Malaysia adjoining southern Thailand has been declared a cholera epidemic area, after 13 cases of cholera had been confirmed since January 1.

$5m tax fine

New York (AP) – The New York jewellers, Van Cleef and Arpels, has been fined $5 million (£3.4 million) for falsifying records to evade sales taxes.

Police pride

Amman (Reuter) – Jordanian police recovered a 660 lb statue of a lion about two weeks after it was stolen from a Roman temple at Jerash, near Amman.

The windfall

Melbourne (AP) – A Melbourne family, who found A$100,000 dollars (£44,000) in cash stuffed in a tree in their garden, have been told they may be able to keep the money.

Canberra link-up with Japan

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

Australia and Japan yesterday announced a new era of co-operation as a North-South axis to counter growing Soviet influence in the South Pacific.

Mr Tadashi Kuranari, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who has advised the Hawke Government in two days of talks of a big shift in Tokyo's foreign policy, told a press conference yesterday that an economic and strategic initiative by Japan to be unveiled next week reflected concern about Soviet influence.

Flanked by Mr Bill Hayden, his Australian opposite number, Mr Kuranari said that in the short term Moscow did not constitute a threat to the South Pacific, but Japan was concerned that the region should not be affected by "external elements, and developments elsewhere."

He hoped, he added, that Japan would be able to influence the economic development of the smaller South Pacific states through a big new aid initiative.

During his two-day visit Mr Kuranari spoke of Australia and Japan forming a "North-South axis," to promote stability and development.

Yesterday Mr Hayden echoed this concept, saying that Japan was the northern anchor and Australia the southern anchor for Western interests in the Pacific. Canberra welcomed and encouraged Japan's increased involvement in regional affairs, he added.

Australian officials said the talks had set an agenda for closer consultation between Canberra and Tokyo on regional programmes. One official said, however, that it would be premature to talk of joint aid projects.

While welcoming the Japanese policy shift, Mr Hayden yesterday made a pointed reference to the Hawke Government's dissatisfaction over its trade relations with Japan. Australia did not seek special treatment but expected to be given the opportunity to trade competitively.

● TOKYO: Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone leaves today on a journey that includes the first state visit to Eastern Europe by a Japanese Prime Minister (David Watts writes).The choice of Finland, East Germany, Poland and Yugoslavia is a new departure in an area where Japan, in the past, has shown no particular interest.

Lee stirs row with views on polygamy

Singapore (Reuter) – The Singapore Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, an eloquent and riveting speaker, chooses his words with care. So did he uncharacteristically put his foot in his mouth when he appeared last month to be advocating polygamy?

Or was it a deliberate ploy to provoke a heated debate on the issue of Singapore's shrinking population, an attempt to motivate people to do something to reverse the trend?

In a controversial speech to university students last month, Mr Lee said that in the past successful men had more than one wife and that in retrospect it was probably stupid to have introduced monogamy in Singapore.

He did add that there was no going back, but this point was lost in the furore. As criticism mounted, he remained silent until this week, when in an interview with *The New York Times*, he made it clear he was not urging a return to polygamy.

"What was unsaid, which is very much in every parent's mind, is the next step down the road which the Western woman has taken – single-parent families. I think that's what's going to happen. I don't see women leading lonely, sterile lives."

Asked if he objected to single parents, Mr Lee said: "I don't welcome it; I'm not happy at the thought. But it is the logical next step if we can't solve this problem."

One of the Prime Minister's closest aides was asked if he thought polygamy was a solution for Singapore's falling birth rate.

Mr Sinnathamby Rajaratnam, senior minister in the Prime Minister's office, said: "We must try every solution. Polygamy is nothing if you live . . . where polygamy is an established way of life. If anybody wants to be polygamous, you can't stop it. You can have one wife and many mistresses."

But Ms Aline Wong, an MP and university sociology lecturer, said polygamy was not a solution to Singapore's demographic pro-blems; such a subject was bound to stir deep emotions, especially among women.

In his December speech, Mr Lee lamented the tendency of Singapore men to marry below their level so that they could boss their wives around. He said men's attitudes must change if Singapore was to avoid disaster.

Rainy season offensive in Angola

Unita seizes diamond mine

By Nicholas Beeston

South African-backed Unita guerrillas fighting Angolan government forces are claiming a string of strategic victories in government-controlled areas in the north of the country during their annual rainy season offensive.

Although the claims could not be verified independently, Western diplomats confirm a significant increase in insurgent activity, as small commando units take advantage of the weather to penetrate government-held areas.

A spokesman for Unita in London said that since the end of November guerrillas loyal to Dr Jonas Savimbi had struck at seven strategic targets. He predicted further attacks in the coming months.

The operations included blowing up a bridge in Moxico province last Saturday. The bridge, it was claimed, was built by Soviet engineers to facilitate an expected government offensive after May, when the rainy season ends.

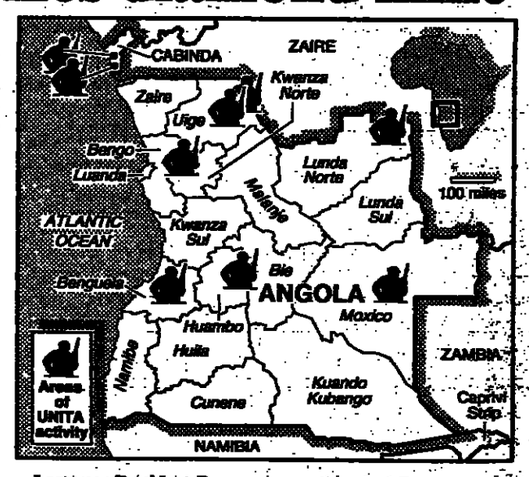
The rebels also captured a diamond mine at Kossa, Lunda Norte province, seizing a large amount of diamonds.

Western diplomats also reported two bombing attacks in the oil-rich Cabinda enclave, and said that the left-wing Government in Luanda was introducing special identification passes for residents there to improve security.

Official Angolan sources, while admitting to the current guerrilla offensive, say that South African troops made six cross-border ground attacks, and in the last month in Cunene province engaged Angolan troops three times.

The most significant rebel claim, hotly denied by government sources, is that 40 Soviet-made military aircraft were shot down between last May and December and that this week one MiG 21 jet and two Hind helicopter gunships were also brought down.

Observers said that the claims were likely to be exaggerated.



Last year President Reagan began his controversial policy of shipping the sophisticated shoulder-held weapons to Unita, the Mujahideen fighters in Afghanistan, and the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

"There is no doubt that they have had some successes in downing aircraft and that pilots are more nervous than they used to be about flying over guerrilla positions," a Western diplomat said.

The latest twist to the 12-year war is the increasing involvement of neighbouring Zaire, Washington's closest ally in the region, which has been accused of secretly harbouring Unita guerrillas who use its border territory as a springboard for operations.

"The attacks on Cabinda could not have been carried out without passing through Zaire, although the level of involvement in Kinshasa is not yet clear," one expert said.

Cabinda, which produces the bulk of the crude oil that accounts for 90 per cent of Angola's foreign earnings, is guarded by a substantial proportion of the 35,000 Cuban troops in Angola.

Angolan officials denied press reports that Luanda had recently asked President Castro to reduce the number of troops because of allegations that Cuban soldiers were involved in smuggling diamonds out of the country and corrupting local officials.

● WINDHOEK: South Africa's outgoing military chief in Namibia, Major-General George Meiring, said here on Wednesday that a conventional arms build-up in Angola could escalate the conflict between South Africa and Angola (AFP reports).

The general claimed it was only a matter of time before Angola's build-up of conventional arms and forces boosted its self-confidence to such an extent that it felt it could take on South African-controlled security forces operating from Namibia.

General Meiring said Angola had developed an extensive military air cover system. Its radar net now covered northern Namibia and he believed Angolan pilots would now be prepared to take on South African aircraft.

He listed Angola's aircraft line-up as MiG 21F fighters, MiG 23 fighters, advanced Sukhoi Su 22 fighters as well as Hind Mi 25, Mi 16, and Mi 8 helicopters.

Wintry chill in Oslo's health service

From Tony Samstag
Oslo

Like the weather, Norway's chronically ailing national health service has taken a turn for the worse lately. This week Ullevaal hospital, Oslo's largest, once again dominated the headlines.

Decrepit heating systems and window frames so old they no longer shut properly against the Arctic winter had forced indoor temperatures as low as 41 deg. F (5 deg. C). Wards had to be closed and patients were moved or sent home. Nurses demonstrated the latest advances in hot water bottle and double duvet therapy.

It has been a far from happy new year for Ullevaal, whose problems are unfortunately not unique. Just after the Christmas holiday it was disclosed that for the first time the military had been called in to keep the place running, because holiday leave and the national shortage of nurses had conspired to drive staffing levels almost as low as the temperatures.



Mrs Brundtland: opposed to private medicine.

Volunteers from the armed forces' nursing staff and the Red Cross, among others, had bridged the gap.

The Government argues that many of the ills afflicting the health service stem directly from the longevity of the population, with long-term patients, mostly elderly, filling beds that they might more logically be expected to occupy in nursing homes.

Low pay for nurses, here as in Britain, has also contributed to declining staff levels. The nurses, through their union, argue that even the low pay and long hours would be less of a deterrent to would-be staff if the Government would only fulfil its commitment to providing more child-care facilities for working mothers.

Outdated facilities, staff shortages and long hospital queues are perennial complaints. And, like so many issues exercising a population that has recently shown itself to be rather more excitable than most of the rest of the world had thought, this one has the potential to topple a government.

Under the previous Conservative coalition, which resigned last year over a parliamentary defeat on emergency budget proposals, there had been at least tacit approval for limited development of a private medical industry, reflecting exactly the same considerations as influence the Conservatives in Britain. The new Social Democratic minority Government of Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland will have no truck with any of that.

A number of private clinics are already established, however, offering prompt treatment for relatively minor ailments. The more affluent, in any case, have long been accustomed to using private hospitals abroad in order to jump the queues. But now a parliamentary crisis is imminent over plans to open a fully independent, fully equipped commercial hospital – plans that were given the go-ahead by the last Government in 1985.

It is quite possible that a parliamentary majority could reverse the Socialists' decision to abort the scheme, provoking yet another change of government.

In Mrs Brundtland's austerity autumn budget, the Ministry of Social Affairs took the lion's share among the 17 ministries, the equivalent of more than £9,300 million, most of which reflected the priority given to health care by the new administration.

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A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

Fings as they used to be

Frank Norman sprang to fame in the late Fifties with his prison memoir, *Bang To Rights*, and the stage play *Fings Ain't Wot They Used To Be*. The ex-Barnardo's wide-boy turned writer drank the proceeds with his friends around Soho's pubs and clubs. Their recollections of his binges are introduced by his widow, Geraldine Norman



Last days: Norman saw Hodgkin's disease as 'a new beginning'. He died from it at 50

I met Frank next to the ashtray in Muriel's, the Soho drinking club which, with the French pub down the road, was the pivot of his life in the Sixties. It was an ashtray on a stork. He usually stood by it, gently rolling his weight from one foot to the other as the alcohol content in his bloodstream rose. He was very funny when he was drunk. Even when he became belligerent, he did it with style, and had always forgotten the *causus belli* next morning.

We met three times that night. I was having dinner with two art dealers and, after a few drinks, we moved on to the Dumpling Inn, a Chinese restaurant at the bottom of Dean Street. Frank was having dinner with Francis Bacon at a nearby table. He reeled over to cadge a fag off me.

One of my art dealer friends had recently sold a Francis Bacon painting to Victor Lowndes, the millionaire who ran London's Playboy Club, and we moved on to a party in his house. Bacon had been invited, so Frank assumed that went for him as well and turned up in jolly mood. After the principal guests had retired to locked bedrooms Frank and I explored the house, whose lush furnishings we found hilarious. Two images remain in my mind, the highly polished bronze sculpture of a male organ in one of the bedrooms and the fur-lined bathroom. We went up and down in the lift several times.

We laughed a lot that night and we carried on laughing most of the time for 11 years and nine months, which is a very good run but painfully short for a happy marriage. Frank was only 50 when he died of Hodgkin's disease.

The principal cause of laughter is surprise. Frank's slant on the world cut across conventional patterns of thought and made his reactions to ordinary events continually surprising.

This idiosyncratic point of view probably helped him survive the rigours of his youth. He emerged virtually untouched by his demeaning and vicious experiences, complete with a curious innocence. He watched life roll by with vivid interest, soaking in the sound of human frailty and looking for fun. He ran away when things got rough. In the main he did not initiate events. They happened to him and he never saw retribution coming.



Barnardo's boy: Norman (centre), dumped there at seven, frequently ran away

Barnardo's in the war years was a loveless place, imposing Christianity with the rod on an assortment of disturbed children. Frank frequently ran away and was even more frequently beaten.

Barnardo's found him a job in a tomato nursery but a travelling fair rolled into town. Scenting a more colourful life, Frank left with them as dodgem greaser. He ended cold and penniless in London and discovered Soho. Sweeping out *spielers* (illegal gambling dens) brought him into contact with petty criminals spending their ill-gotten gains. He served an apprenticeship as a burglar and had a fling with a stolen cheque book which landed him in prison. When he came out he bought a 1904 Olympia typewriter and wrote a book about it. A year later he was the latest literary discovery.

Several surprising friendships dated from his years as a penniless layabout. He squatted in a bombed out house with Lucien Freud, dug the foundations of Camden Town with Bruce Bernard, and washed up for Victor Sassie at the Gay Hussar. He met Jeff Bernard in Soho, a 16-year-old in a sailor suit on the run from Pangbourne. He shared Christmas lunch with Bernard Kops and his girlfriend, one boiled egg eaten with three spoons.

His prison memoir, *Bang To Rights*, published in 1958, launched his career as a writer and the following year his play, *Fings Ain't Wot They Used To Be*, produced by Joan Littlewood with songs by Lionel Bart, made him a celebrity and temporarily rich. There were some weeks when he didn't even manage to spend his royalties. He walked round Soho with Brendan Behan scattering fivers in the air.

His days settled into a new routine. They started around 11am at the French pub, moved to Wheeler's, Chez Victor or some other hostelry for lunch, which led on to an afternoon at Muriel's, and back to the French pub, where drinks were cheaper, around 6 or 6.30. After closing time there was the Pickwick Club, Gerry's or, to vary the diet, a strip club.

He was exclusively a social drinker which is probably why it didn't kill him. He never drank at home or while he was working. He needed the company, not the drink.

Once we were married he only did Soho on Fridays. It took Saturday and Sunday to recover and left him with a four-day working week. He put on his best suit and latest tie on Fridays with a sparkle in his eye. Sometimes a lunch date took him out earlier in the week and Friday was switched. Occasionally Friday lasted all week.

Retribution came in the form of the tax man and the declining success of his books. When on form, he got down words with sizzling timing but plotting a novel was foreign to his nature and he hated revising. His technique with a writer's block was to carry on writing till it went away. His later books tended to contain jewel-like vignettes strung together with bad prose.

He wrote best about personal experiences, preferably bad ones. A happy marriage didn't really produce enough to write about. He saw Hodgkin's disease as a new beginning. At first he saw it as a novel. The hero was to be thinly disguised as a journalist who had made a brilliant start in life but was down on his luck. He airily sketched in a tiresome wife and a few children. As he got to know hospitals, he thought he had better write a factual account as well, highlighting the interaction of institutional routine and personal tragedy. He had himself exhaustively photographed so that he could demonstrate visually the course of the disease.

We had one last binge a month before he died. First we went to Garrard's and bought a gold watch each – plated, of course, but what's the difference. The shop assistant used a very attractive silver pen to write the bill, so we had one each of those too. Then we struggled through an icy wind to an Italian restaurant. Frank was grimly determined on a champagne lunch. He ordered a screwdriver to kick off with which gave him hiccups. He couldn't eat lunch and I drank his champagne.



Frank Norman in London: 'Once we were married he only did Soho on Fridays. Occasionally Friday lasted all week'

Bang to Rights *and* Banana Boy, *Frank Norman's childhood autobiography, are reissued next week (Hogarth Press, £3.95)*

Frank, by his friends

SIR STEPHEN SPENDER
Provided first literary break



In the spring of 1958, Lucien Freud was painting my portrait. One day, he started telling me about a friend of his whom he met often in some café or bar. This friend was called Frank, and he had been in prison two or three times, so that a criminal life seemed destined for him. But he always said to Lucien, "I'm not a burglar, I'm a writer, Luce."

At this time I was co-editing *Encounter* with Irving Kristol. The day after Lucien had told me this, I heard roars of laughter proceeding from Irving's office where he sat at his desk reading a typescript. I asked him what he found so amusing and he said it was a work we had been sent describing the prison life of an ex-prisoner. As soon as I looked at the typescript I realized that it must be by the "Frank" whom Lucien had been telling me about the previous morning.

In the months following the publication of his article I saw a great deal of Frank. His personality was entirely sympathetic to me, and yet there was something about *him* which made me nervous. I thought about his exciting life and I was afraid of boring him. I suppose that he also felt uneasy with me. But there was always an affection between us that crossed the gulf.

At *Encounter* we rightly regarded the article (extracted from a book-length work later published as *Bang to Rights*) as a real discovery. Re-reading it recently, I found it as touching, funny and humanly sad as I did a quarter of a century ago. The writer had a gift for writing as he talked – and he talked very well. He sawthat what was ironic in "corrective training" was that those responsible for correcting the prisoners were no better or more intelligent than the prisoners, and greatly in need of correction themselves. The prisons for correction were essentially the same as other prisons. Sadness lies in *the funniness here*. Frank Norman understood that for things to change in the system some kind of mutation was required of the people running it. He also clung on to the fact that he himself, through his art, was capable of such a mutation. This gave his description of prison life a kind of dignity.

GASTON BERLEMONT
Proprietor of the French pub



Frank was basically a loner. His early life had forced him to be tough or at least appear to be so, his scarred face forever set in a mask of disdain for the Establishment, a rebel without a real cause, always apparently ready to knock the block off anyone with whom he felt he had a real or imaginary grievance. But it was only a mask: sober, the mask often slipped and he could be funny, interesting, kind and generous. Drunk he could be morose, belligerent, sarcastic and very unsteady on his feet.

JEFFREY BERNARD
Writer and boon companion



It was fashionable then for posh clubs and the upper classes to import piranha fish and in the Ad Lib a tank of them represented a challenge to Frank. He would go in, take off his jacket, roll up his shirt sleeve and plunge an arm into the tank. They never once gave him a nibble. He was disappointed and I think even slightly annoyed. I could see him thinking "well, why not me?"

Then there was the horrific but epic fight in Gerrard Street. He rather foolishly had just written a piece in the *Evening Standard* about his prison experiences in which he said that the man he had shared a cell with – and he named him – was a grass. Well, the said grass, "Pretty Boy" something or other, came looking for him with no less than 14 companions. What followed was reminiscent of Marlon Brando's fight at the end of *On The Waterfront*. But when Frank was obviously holding his own with the grass they all stepped in. There was nothing anybody could do and Frank got a fearful hammering.

I sat in his flat with him after for days not going out. There wasn't a lot to say and we quietly sipped whisky until he was well enough to resume a public attack on the bottle.

DANIEL FARSON
Writer and friend



Frank was fun. He had none of the dreary introspection of those who have brushed with the law and suffer from a sense of injustice. In spite of his early triumph with *Fings*, he did not live in the past.

I am sure Frank had his dark, melancholy moments, but he knew the value of time – having served it – and could not be bothered with the waste of taking offence, sulks, or boredom. I have seen one of his "primitive" pictures painted while he was in prison and he could have been taken up by a gallery, but he became a "Sunday writer" instead in his own, self-deprecating phrase.

AUBERON WAUGH
Writer and contemporary



I first met Frank at a party given by Colin Wilson some time in 1961 or 1962 when all three of us were at the height of what reputation we were ever to enjoy. Frank was introduced as a glamorous ex-convict. I seem to remember an impressive scar on his face. What struck me most, on that first meeting, was his genuineness. Having expected a rough diamond, one found oneself playing with a friendly puppy. I once introduced him to a club in London, after we had been on a blind together in Soho. He suddenly announced that he would like to join the club. Half the members present responded without enthusiasm. Perhaps they had not had time to spot the gentleness.

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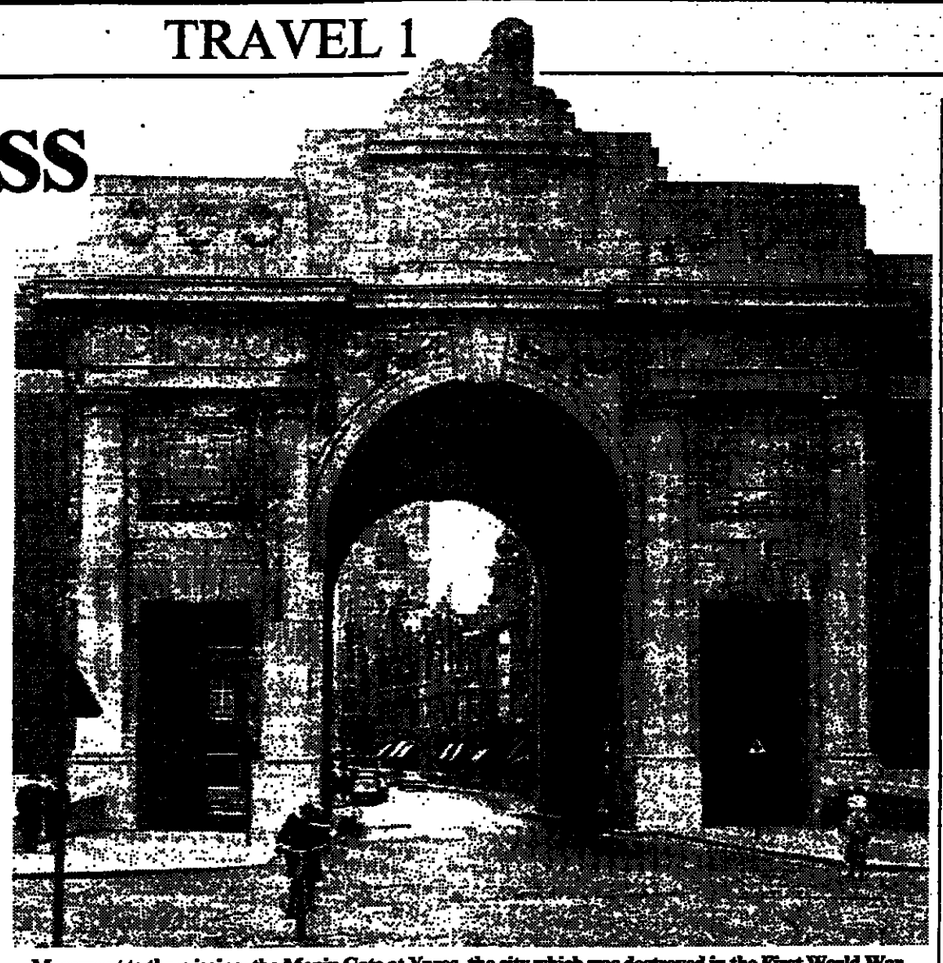
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TRAVEL 1

Wheels across the great battlefields

In our occasional series about holidays for the older adventurer, Rob Neillands cycles down the Western Front of the First World War



Monument to the missing: the Menin Gate at Ypres, the city which was destroyed in the First World War

Gather up some of those names painted on regimental drums, add a few more gleaned from the war memorial on any village green; then flesh out this list with other names found in the works of the war poets and there you have it, an itinerary that will take you down the Western Front of the First World War, from the city of Ypres to the fatal Somme, a *via dolorosa* for a whole generation.

Of course, the countryside has changed a lot since that sunny morning in July 1916, when the British infantry clambered out of their trenches and lost 60,000 men by the end of the day. Picardy today is a pleasant, peaceful spot, a countryside of open fields and chalk downs, well supplied with ancient towns and small villages, the perfect place for a cycle-ride in my 50th year, offering gentle terrain, quiet roads and, in a year which records the 70th anniversary of the battle of the Somme, plenty of historic interest.

My journey began with a stiff plug against the wind across the flat Flanders fields from Dunkirk to Ypres. Ypres, an attractive medieval town, was destroyed in the First World War, but has since been painstakingly restored, and wise travellers will begin their visit to the Western Front with a morning at the War Museum in the Cloth Hall and a tour of the villages of the Ypres salient, returning in time to hear the "Last Post" played, as it is played every evening, at the Monument to the Missing, by the Menin Gate.

Next morning, heading once more into the wind, I set out for the south, past Ploegsteert, then over the French frontier at Armentières, and on across the battlefields of 1915, through Aubers and Neuve Chapelle and Festubert and Loos, up the long steep slope of Vimy Ridge, where the Canadians are so well remembered, and quite worn out, at last into the town of Arras for a good dinner at the Chanzy restaurant.

Like Ypres, Arras was a cloth town. Once famous for tapestries, it too was razed and restored. The Grand Place is quite magnificent; I could happily have spent a day or so in Arras, but I had to get on, so back in the saddle again on quiet roads to Gommecourt and the battlefield of the Somme.

Drifting past all the war cemeteries (there are more than 170 in the Ypres salient alone) the traveller cannot remain unaware that something quite terrible once took place here, where the front line cuts a swathe across this pleasant, gentle countryside, at Hamel, where the Newfoundland Regiment was destroyed, at Ovillers, where the Tyneside regiments were decimated, at Fricourt, where the Manchester Pals went down, at Mametz and Longueval, where the 12th Longueval Gloucesters, "Bristol's Own", lost 50 per cent of their men in one morning.

I got back on my bike at Auchonvillers, where part of the old front line is still preserved inside the Newfoundland Memorial Park, and swept down to Hamel, then up the steep hill on the far side of the Ancre to Thiepval. Making this journey on a cycle has advantages, for you notice things that faster travellers might miss; the chalk smears across the brown soil which mark a trench-line, bits of military paraphernalia and wire pressed into service by thrifty farmers, a litter of shells in the long grass beside the road.

Shells and other battlefield relics, helmets, rifles, grenades, are dredged up by the plough every year, but it is not only equipment that still comes to light. "It depends on the amount of construction," explained Monsieur Vasseur, adding yet another name to the 73,000 or so already carved on the Monument to the Missing at Thiepval, "but we find another soldier every month or so — we found one today, near Pozières, while laying a cable."

Just south of Pozières, at La Boiselle, the great Lochnagar mine crater still gapes open, though now marked with memorials. Looking west from here, the traveller can see the Golden Virgin of Albert high on the cupola over the Church of Notre Dame de Brebieres in Albert. Struck by a shell in 1915, this glittering statue hung out over the road below for years, and soldiers marching up to the line would pass beneath her shadow.

Monsieur Duthoit's Grand Hotel de la Paix in Albert was full of British visitors when I arrived. Next day I set off again to ride round the Somme front, to Fricourt and Mametz, and Delville Wood, through Longueval and on to High Wood where, one poet wrote bitterly, "... were killed somewhere above eight thousand men," many of whom lie in the cemetery just across the road.

TRAVEL NOTES

The northern battlefield can be visited on a five-day break with Sally Line, via Ramsgate-Dunkirk; the southern ones with Townsend Thoresen.
Grand Hotel de la Paix, 43 Rue Victor Hugo, 80300 Albert (22 75 01 64).
Information on Picardy from French Government Tourist Office, 178 Piccadilly, London W1 (01-493 6911).
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Beating the price cutters

FARE DEALS

Thanks to a wave of weekend discounting, do-it-yourself holidaymakers wanting a city break at a luxury hotel can easily undercut the offerings from package tour firms. It must be stressed that these savings apply mainly at weekends (Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights) and are at hotels of four or five star quality.

The business of offering weekend discounts has been commonplace in America for years and now Europe has finally fallen in line. The discounts are offered over the weekend because that is the time when expense account business travellers stay at home. A hotel room is "perishable", like an airline seat, and if it remains unsold at midnight the chances are that the room will be wasted, so it is better to earn a little money rather than none at all.

That is why the United States chain Marriott is selling off weekend rooms at less than half the usual price. For example, a single or twin-bedded room at Marriott's Prince de Galles in Paris will cost £68 a night (Fr 640), while the Marriott in Vienna costs £60, in Amsterdam £63 and in Athens £51. The Marriott deal is due to expire at the end of January, but it may be extended, so check when booking.

The Hilton hotel chain offer covers more destinations and applies until the end of February. Sheraton and American Express are jointly marketing a "Le Weekend" discount programme. Valid until October 1987 at all Sheratons in Europe, you must stay at least two nights. Prices are fixed in sterling and include breakfast and other extras. There are many other deals, at the two SAS (Scandinavian Airlines) hotels in Copenhagen — the Royal and the Scandinavia — and the luxury Paris Inter-Continental, which charges Fr 680 (£72) or the Air France-owned Meridien in that city which charges Fr 850 (£90) a night.

In Amsterdam there are five Crest Hotels (these range from three to five star) which all charge a flat rate of £40 per night, including breakfast for stays of two nights or more. Such deals bring realistic hotel savings — previously the preserve of tour operators with greater spending muscle — to the independent tourist.

When booking your DIY deal (this can be done through a travel agent) check hotel and airline availability first of all. Then reserve the hotel (remembering to ask for the special discount) before booking the airline seats — to minimise ticket cancellation fees. Availability is limited so you must book ahead.

Alex McWhirter

The author is Travel Editor of *Business Traveller*

All comparisons are based on brochure prices including scheduled flights from London and staying in top hotels at weekends. Tour operator prices often include extras.

Paris: For two nights French leave charges between £400 and £540. Travelscene's price is £538 or £570, while Thomson's rate is a modest £282.
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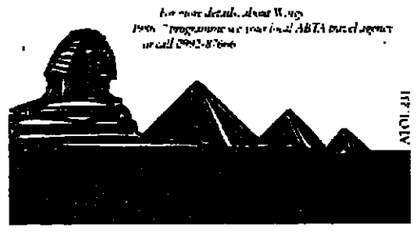
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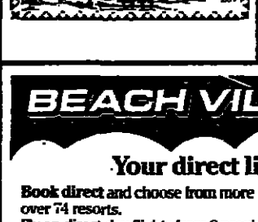


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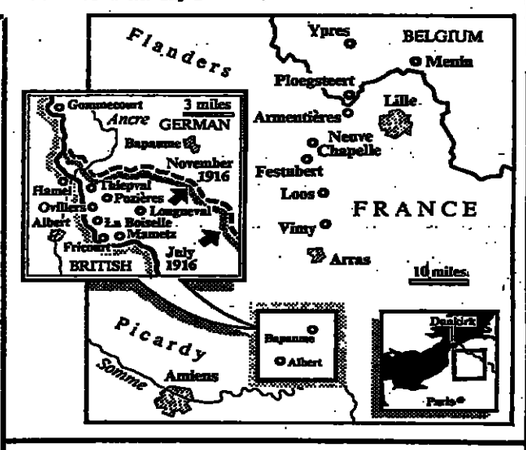


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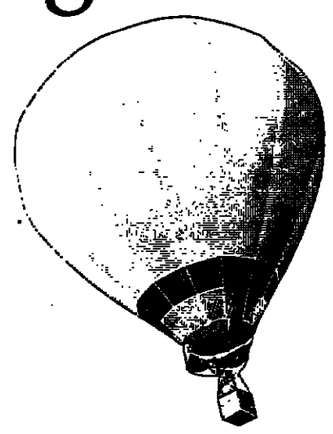


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TRAVEL 2

Sporting life in Norway

The best skiing in Scandinavia is not all downhill, as Ronald Faux discovered



Striding through the snow: sunlight and shadows for skiers



There is a quality about Norway when the place is shrouded in winter that is slightly austere but admirable. The mountains do not soar majestically as they do in the Alps, they roll gently on for ever beneath a thick quilt of snow with the occasional, sparse copse of conifers and solid dwelling anchored in the middle of nowhere. Few British ski firms include Norway in their brochures and you meet few British skiers on the slopes of Voss or Geilo, the two main downhill resorts.

The manager of the Jarl Hotel in Voss explained why. It was, he said, all down to the cost. Beer at £3 a pint, £2 for a glass of wine in the average hotel. Perhaps the Norwegian oil industry was to blame for the generally high cost of living in Scandinavia but most country hoteliers could make as much in a weekend from a party of hard-drinking, melancholic Swedes as they would from an English group that occupied the hotel for an entire week. "Which do you choose?" he asked.

There was also the quality of downhill skiing which cannot compare for length or variety with the choice of endless series of integrated slopes in the Alps and although Norwegian resorts make up in latitude what they lose in altitude the fact that Geilo, for example, is only 2,700 feet above sea level tends to frighten British skiers away.

Norwegians, however, have a different attitude towards skiing. They claim to have invented the activity — not as a sport but as a way of getting about a countryside deeply buried beneath snow. Ancient Norwegian warriors, they say, punted themselves lopsidedly into battle on one ski long before the Swiss or Austrians had thought of sliding across the snows on planks. That remains the forte of Norwegian skiers, skiing across country in great lanky strides, gliding with no apparent effort through the frosty stillness of the Norwegian countryside.

This is not to dismiss completely the Norwegian downhill runs. Voss, the neat, busy town on the Bergen to Oslo railway, has seven chair lifts or cable cars on the mountains to the north and some black runs that would be a challenge to the most accomplished Swiss skier. Geilo has 10 lifts spread on each side of the valley in which the town lies and both resorts would delight intermediate skiers and keep them occupied.

But ski lifts are interlopers on the Norwegian landscape. The prepared ski track winding across the countryside is the national speciality, a distinct family sport to be undertaken by children almost before they are able to walk, by solitary athletes at speed or by gnarled pensioners sliding along with the economical pace that comes from long experience. Perhaps the most attractive option to the visitor is a halfway house between piste bashing and the prepared ski trail which does not require skis that feel to be as narrow as razor blades and which I never managed to command to my satisfaction.

An alternative is the broader, heavier steel-edged ski used for mountain touring, still much lighter than the type used by the average downhill enthusiast but with a loose heel binding that allows him to lope along.

There are holidays for which some previous skiing experience is recommended, but the Norwegian terrain is gentle and technically undemanding, leaving the skier ample time to enjoy the exquisite emptiness of the Norwegian countryside. A holiday based on the Bergsdalen valley, 50 miles east of Bergen, offers tours each day from a remote mountain hut, each tour covering an average of 12 to 15 miles; on light touring skis these are easily done within three or four hours.

A more ambitious two-week tour centres on the Hardanger ice cap, using a variety of club huts, or on the rocky summits of the Jotunheimen, with a ski ascent of the Glittertind, the highest in Norway. These are the cold empty quarters of Europe not to be compared with the overcrowded, queue-ridden ski slopes of the Alps.

But out of the frost and snow there is ample luxury in traditional hotels such as the Fleishers in Voss, where the rooms are tall, wood-panelled and elegant. This tradition of good food and graceful timber is carried on in the main towns, particularly the port of Bergen, starting point for the spectacular train journey which all ski parties must make into the mountains, where the advantages for the downhill enthusiast can be counted in comfortable hotels, good food and ski instructors whose command of English is not restricted to a simple "Bentzeniss".

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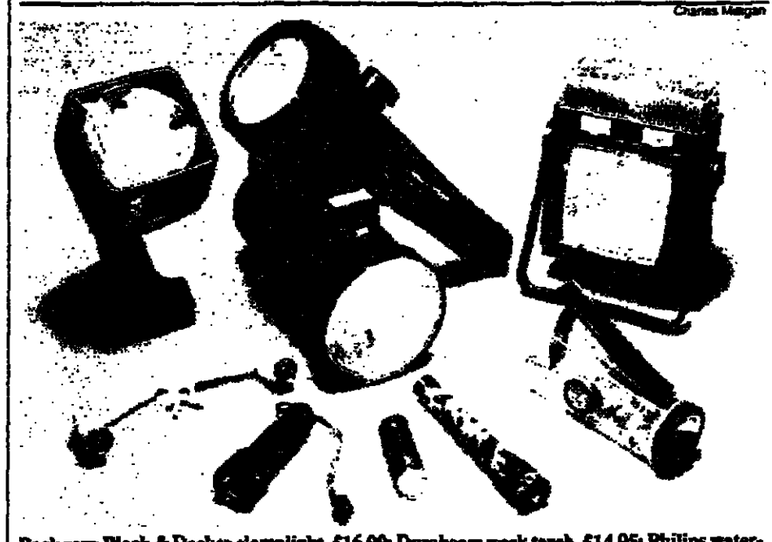
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SHOPPING

Charles Metgan



Back row: Black & Decker clamplight, £16.99; Durabeam work torch, £14.95; Philips water-resistant torch, £18.40; Ever Ready Motormate, £6.25. Front row: Torch glasses, £9.75; Lighting Bug, £4.25; Tekna Splash-Lite, £16.50; Mini Maglite, £26.95; Dynamo, £23.75

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Anyone who has spent hours scrabbling for lost contact lenses in dark corners or groped blearily in gloomy garden sheds or attics will appreciate a good torch.

With their bright, narrow beams, pocket torches are handy for map-reading in the car. Lighting Bug, £4.25, from The Conran Shop, is a sturdy, palm-size torch; even smaller, the 2½ inch Tekna Splash-Lite, £16.50, from Authentics, could be attached to a key-ring and is waterproof to a depth of 300 feet. Both are activated by turning the lens head.

Mini Maglite torches are smaller, civilian versions of the standard issue accessory for the American police. The water-resistant, aircraft-grade aluminium cases come in a range of colours including black, silver, red and metallic blue. Harrods have them in green and beige army-style camouflage colours, £26.95.

No batteries are needed for the Dynamo torch, £23.75, from The Conran Shop. Shaped like a gun, repeated pressure on the trigger rotates cogwheels at high speed, causing magnets to strike a copper wire and create an electric current which provides the illumination. Oggetti sells Philips' water-resistant, halogen bulb torch, £18.40, which gives a very strong, clear white light. It can be taken, or dropped, to a depth of 50 metres and has a black, impact-resistant case and a safety wrist strap.

No-hands torches offer a practical solution to lighting problems. Most gimmicky among those we found was a pair of plastic torch glasses, £9.75, at Harrods, which you wear on your head like spectacles; but more down-to-earth is the macho-looking Black & Decker clamplight, £16.99, from leading electrical and DIY stockists. Its black body shell is stain and dirt-resistant and the clamp enables the beam to rotate through 360 degrees. Durabeam's work torch, £14.95, from hardware shops and department stores, is a tough, tactile torch which will withstand knocks during camping holidays and other outdoor activities.

Ever Ready's Motormate, £6.25, from hardware shops and department stores has a pull-out frame which makes the torch free-standing so the body can be swivelled to project light where you need it. During emergencies, the top part can be set to flash an amber hazard warning while the lower half gives out a non-coloured beam.

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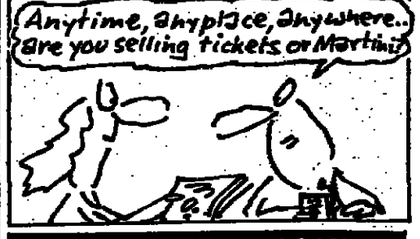
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The total of 77,000 bottles out of the 10 million produced can hardly be called a flood, but it's still encouraging news for the farmers and distillers of Normandy, where a farmer named Gilles de Grouberville is thought to have been the first to distil cider and make calvados in 1553.

Today, calvados has graduated to an *appellation d'origine règlementée* tag, which means that it comes exclusively from the Calvados region. Best of all are those also labelled Pays d'Auge, which is generally agreed to be the high-quality region.

Calvados processes are similar to viniculture. Christian Drouin, young owner of the family-run Distillerie des Fiefs Sainte-Anne and producer of by far the best apple brandy available in this country (until, perhaps, our own Somerset "calvados" is introduced) explained: "Calvados is just like wine. If you have sun in September and a little bit of rain, but not too much, you get a good cider and a good calvados." Fermentation of calvados-apple juice takes place naturally in large vats. The Pays d'Auge cider to be distilled into

Eric Beaumont



calvados is left to mature for a year and then distilled twice in a pot still, as is cognac. Calvados from outside this area undergoes only a single distillation in a continuous still. Ageing in small oak casks ranges from a minimum of two years to more than six (Hors d'Age).

My favourite calvados are the young ones, smelling and tasting strongly of apples, like the Calvados Boulard Fine Pays d'Auge (Oddbins, £10.25, London Sainsbury's at Nine Elms, Cromwell Road and Chiswick, £10.45).

A good alternative is Père Magloire's Carte Jaune (*appellation calvados règlementée*) (Wine Growers Association, 230 Great Portland Street, London W1 £11.55.)

The finest calvados on sale in this country is M Drouin's 1969 Pays d'Auge, whose strong, appley bouquet and powerful velvety palate is, for those who can afford it, worth experiencing (Curzon Wine Company, 11 Curzon Street, London W1 £35.30; Fortnum & Mason £42.60).

Jane MacQuitty

THE TIMES COOK

Dana Leadbetter



When the boat comes in

Fresh or frozen, Shona Crawford Poole catches recipes for firm-fleshed fish

Not all factory ships are Russian or Japanese, although these always seem to be the ones in the headlines. Nor do they all go about their business in inhospitable waters near the earth's poles. The tropics too attract their share of marine combine harvesters.

In the Seychelles recently, it was a French factory ship which was keeping local fishermen busy filling its maw with tuna from the Indian Ocean.

Having seen the sparkling seas from which they come, and the conditions in which they are processed, I find myself less resistant to the idea of buying frozen tuna from the fishmonger. It may not be quite as good as really fresh fish, but in rich stews, curries or braises, the differences becomes more academic than when it is grilled or poached.

Firm-fleshed fish like tuna, shark, eels and monkfish are excellent for braising with strongly-flavoured ingredients — tomatoes, garlic, peppers, onions, wine and herbs.

The more delicate texture of most white fish lends itself to gentler treatment, to simmering in stock which is then enriched with a little cream.

Waterzooi is the classic Flemish dish in this category — one which has travelled long and far. Hannah Glasse, writing in 1747 called hers *water-sokey*.

Water-sokey is very simple. "Take some of the smallest plaice, or flounders you can get, wash them clean, cut the fins close, put them into a stew-pan, put just water enough to boil them in, a little salt, and a bunch of parsley. When they are enough, send them to table in a soop-dish, with the liquor to keep them hot, have parsley and butter in a cup."

Eliza Acton, just over a hundred years later, called her dish *water souchy*. She wrote that flounders, perch, tench and eels are said to "answer best" for water souchy, but that soles and slices of skinned salmon are often used too.

"Throw into rather more than sufficient water to just cover the quantity of fish required for table, from half to three-quarters of an ounce of salt to the quart, a dozen corns of white pepper, a small bunch of green parsley, and two or three tender parsley roots, first cut into inch lengths, and then split to the size of straw. Simmer the mixture until these last are tender, which will be from half to a whole hour; then lay in the fish delicately cleaned, cleared from every morsel of brown skin, and divided into equal portions of about two inches in width. Take off all the scum as it rises, and stew the fish softly from eight to twelve minutes, watching it that it may not break from being overdone.

"Two minutes before it is dished, strew in a large tablespoonful or more of minced parsley, or some small branches of the herb boiled very green in a separate saucepan (we prefer the latter mode); lift out the fish carefully with a slice, and the parsley roots with it; pour over it the liquor in which it has been boiled, but leave out the peppercorns."

A superior water souchy can be made, said Miss Acton, by substituting fish stock for the water.

Modern recipes for waterzooi based on fresh water fish, sea fish, or chicken, are invariably served with plainly boiled potatoes. This one is a meal in itself. Serve it in wide, old-fashioned soup plates. Vary the recipe with a few leaves of fresh coriander in place of the chopped parsley, or by changing the vegetables. Celery or celeriac are good.

Waterzooi of sea fish
Serves two to three

- 450ml (¾ pint) fish stock
- 1 leek
- 2 large carrots
- 1 bulb florentine fennel
- About 450g (1lb) very fresh sole, halibut, salmon or any firm-fleshed fish
- 30g (1oz) butter
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot
- 4 tablespoons dry white wine
- Salt and cayenne pepper
- 4 tablespoons double cream
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

Bring the fish stock to the boil in sauté or frying pan and add the leek, carrot and fennel all cut into matchstick-sized pieces. Simmer until the vegetables are lightly cooked, then drain them, reserving the stock. Rinse the pan. Skin and fillet the fish and cut it into substantial chunks, about 5cm (2 inches) across.

Melt the butter in the pan and add the chopped shallot. Cook it on a low heat until soft, but not browned, then add the fish.

Turn the fish in the butter for a minute or two before adding the reserved stock, the wine, and the vegetables. Bring to the boil, add the cream, season with salt and cayenne pepper, and simmer the fish for about 10 minutes, or until it is cooked. Timing will depend on the thickness of the pieces of fish.

Scatter with chopped parsley before serving with boiled or steamed potatoes.

The close, firm texture of tuna and species like swordfish, is suitable for even or stove-top braising. The added moisture counteracts a tendency to dryness. Several small cutlets or steaks can be substituted for a single large one.

Braised tuna
Serves four

- 1 large tuna steak, about 750g (1¾lbs)
- 10 anchovy fillets
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 large onions, thinly sliced
- 900g (2 lb) tin tomatoes, and their juice
- 300ml (½ pint) white wine
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- To finish
- 4 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 1 clove garlic, very finely chopped

Halve the anchovy fillets and use them to lard the tuna steak, poking them into the flesh at regularly spaced intervals with the tip of a sharp knife.

Heat the oil in a heavy sauté pan, or wide casserole, and add the sliced onions. Cook them on a low heat until they are tender but not browned.

Add the tuna steak and cook it for two or three minutes before turning it over, making sure that the onions are still underneath. Add the tomatoes, the white wine, and enough of the tomato juice to cover the fish. Season with salt and pepper and bring to a simmer.

Cover loosely, and cook slowly on top of the stove for about three quarters of an hour.

Serve straight from the cooking pot, sprinkling each helping with the parsley, lemon and garlic mixture. Mashed potatoes, boiled rice, or bread and salad are suitably plain accompaniments.

Variations on the theme might include garlic at the beginning of cooking and the addition of a few olives at the end, eliminating the fresh herb dressing.

EATING OUT

Soho chic to cheek

Francis Mobley

In the depths of London's most notorious district, Jonathan Meades questions food and fashion



What the "rehabilitation" of Soho means at gutter level is that the charmless youths who might once have earned an honest bob, by uttering the traditional street cries of this quarter of London — "Two lovely girls, squire. . . " — are now forced to don preposterous uniforms and pretend to be waiters.

They eke out a meagre living and fail to attain the job satisfaction that the sex industry provides. I'm referring to youths whose job satisfaction is derived from being able to scowl and hawk throughout the shift.

As far as I know, the trade of barker requires no training or qualifications, apart from an ability to behave like a slob. Waiting is different. You cannot but suspect that restaurateurs have failed to grasp this fact; either that or they simply don't care — after all, the British public is notably long-suffering, uncomplaining and stoical. Restaurateurs seem to believe that they can get away with amateurs in silly kit.

An intimation of what you're in for at the **Braganza** greets you at the bottom of the stairs in the form of a life-size sculpture of a waiter on the point of spilling the dishes he is carrying. In fact, clumsiness is the one defect the waiters don't display — rather they are torpid, confused, prone to argue among themselves.

They all look quite lost — and here the management and grossly intrusive designers of the place are to blame — as they are required to submit to the sartorial tyranny of a rag trade dunce who has come up with the most crassly camp outfits imaginable.

Regardless of sex the uniform is: hefty Doc Marten boots as worn by football hooligans, National Front thinkers and the like; baggy black trousers, white shirts buttoned up to the collar with a sort of cape across the back, along whose hem is written the name of the restaurant with the recurring letter "a" in roman and the other letters in italic script. The best one can hope is that the ineptitude of the service is a sort of protest against these clothes.

The designers have determined to make their presence felt. Above the front door is a massive, rapidly oxidizing, sub-classical bust, half-completed so that the armature is revealed. This is impressive. So indeed are disparate parts of the interior.

The ground floor is a plainish, monochrome café; the stairs have thick chrome rails; the first floor restaurant is all white and part of its ceiling is cut away so that the top floor's mural — interior decorator's Tiepolo, and pretty good stuff — is visible from it. This mural is further visible from the vestibule through the glass walls that reveal part of the stair-well.

The top floor is panelled in dark, dull wood and furnished with a hodgepodge of repro early Victorian and genuine Edwardian chairs.

The menus are printed on clear plastic sheets which are attached to papier mâché boards with bits of string and a peg. The cumulative effect is that of over-egging with turkey's eggs.

Fitch & Co, who are responsible, have pulled out all the stops and made nothing but a din. The notions of restraint and harmony have been deliberately shunned. Never can a place have tried so effortfully to look so fashionable.

The menu matches all this. It is a litany of modish cliches. But where individual elements of the decor are consumately executed the dishes are indifferently prepared. The trouble may lie elsewhere than the kitchen. I suspect that no particular effort is made to get good supplies.

A selection of (overpriced) smoked fish was simply dull — this is not wholly the fault of the cook. And both the insipidity of a piece of veal and the tastelessness of a dish of calves' liver are partly attributable to second-rate butchery.

But the flaccidity of the batter covering the deep fried oysters and mushrooms is the kitchen's responsibility. And someone or other should know better than to store cheese at just above freezing point. There's an acceptable lemon tart among the sweets.

The bill was far from acceptable. Drinking house champagne, which cost about £15 a bottle, we were charged £68 (including service) for a meal that merited a tab of about half that price. The sound of diners disputing their bills is evidently one that is characteristic of the Braganza — two tables were at it the lunchtime I was there.

But no, there had been no mistakes. It is just that the place is dauntingly overpriced. But the combination of rip-off tabs, lousy service and dreary grub seems not to affect business one bit. The place was full. Oh dear.

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IN THE GARDEN

Wintry cheer of witch hazel

PLANT OF THE MONTH

This year's witch hazel has an unusual abundance of early bloom. The winter flowering ones which, as Vita Sackville-West noted, normally come into their full beauty after twelfth night, have in many regions already been dazzling us for a fortnight. Their flowers, yellow, crimped tassels, proof against the worst weather, glint piercingly against their grey winter twigs, making them among the most desirable plants for this time of year. They show up best against a background of evergreen or a red brick wall, preferably near the house where both sight and scent can be most readily enjoyed.

The witch hazel *Hamamelis virginiana* was first sent to Britain by John Bartram, the 18th-century American plant collector who was under special appointment to George III — an increasingly difficult position as the American War of Independence approached. The standard explanation of the common name is that early American settlers used the hazel-like twigs for water divining, but witch hazel was a name applied also to hornbeam and wych elm, and early English and American references indicate that forked rods of these species were used to dowse for precious metals: buried treasure or veins of gold and silver. For this reason witch hazel may have been regarded as magical or bewitched, but originally the word witch or wych, simply meant pliant and was applied to trees with tough, bendy wood such as the American witch hazel and the English wych elm, both of which were used in the past for the making of long bows.

Clare Roberts



Fragrant flowers: bush and detail of blooms of *H. mollis* Pallida

The American witch hazel (from which the astringent lotion is made) is still available but its flowers, appearing in mid-autumn, are less showy than the Chinese *Hamamelis mollis* now the most widely planted species. The form *Hamamelis mollis* Pallida which arose at the Wisley gardens early this century has the biggest and brightest flowers which are also fragrant, and a butter yellow foliage. It grows slowly to reach a 6-8ft height and spread.

The species *H. intermedia* and *H. japonica* are larger — growing to about 10ft or so. They flower a few weeks later than the Chinese witch hazel and they are noted for the coppers and reds of their autumn foliage. Witch hazels are rather expensive (from about £11 for a small specimen to upwards of £30 for an older well-grown plant), because they are slow growing and difficult to propagate. But they are very resilient and easy to cultivate.

They are said to dislike lime in soil but at Mr Roger's well-known nursery in Pickering (one of the most lime-rich regions of Yorkshire) witch hazels grow happily in both sunny and shady positions. They respond well to a good loam and it is a wise plan to incorporate a quantity of leaf-mould or well-rotted manure into the soil — especially on heavy ground, before planting.

Francesca Greenoak

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Water as little as possible in the greenhouse and open to ventilation whenever poossible.**
- **Keep an eye on house plants on window sills: bring them into the middle of the room if frost is forecast.**
- **Ivy gives protection from the weather — more damage is done by tearing it away than by letting it grow. Sensible trimming and tidying gives an evergreen cover and also provides winter shelter for wrens and brimstone butterflies.**
- **Check that biennials planted in the autumn are still firmly in the ground and are not being pushed up by frost.**
- **Select small healthy Jerusalem artichokes for replanting in a few weeks time — they are prodigious croppers, so not too many.**
- **If your seed potatoes have arrived, take them out of their bags and place in wooden tomato boxes (with raised corners) and stack them in a bright and airy frost-free place where their buds can begin to sprout.**

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THE ARTS

Body and bobby dazzlers

During the lengthy opening credits of ITV's new series *Yesterday's Dreams* we learn about the contrasting lifestyles of Diane (Judy Loe) and her attractive ex-husband Martin (Paul Freeman).

He has set up home with a younger woman and is served his orange juice on the patio whereas Diane is fully immersed in the *Sturm-und-Drang* of family life along with two truculent teenagers, a mechanic called Don and the washing machine.

When Martin goes to his office he is swept into the Ken Adam set world of airplane engines where men say such things as "I want it nailed NOW!"

But there are already signs that all is not well in the fluid space penthouse where

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Martin's girlfriend is distinctly uninterested in his son's birthday present and walks alone to bed after her workout.

Despite it's predictability, this is beautifully presented chocolate-box viewing: self-indulgent, compulsive and about as demanding as a walnut world.

For all its multi-racial gestures and concrete jungle backdrops, *Rockliffe's Babies* (BBC1) is no more real than *Yesterday's Dreams*. Just a lot noisier.

Ian Hogg's Sergeant Rockliffe, who makes only a striking first appearance in the last 30 seconds of this opening episode, plays nanny to a squad of plainclothes PCs that could understudy for Duran Duran.

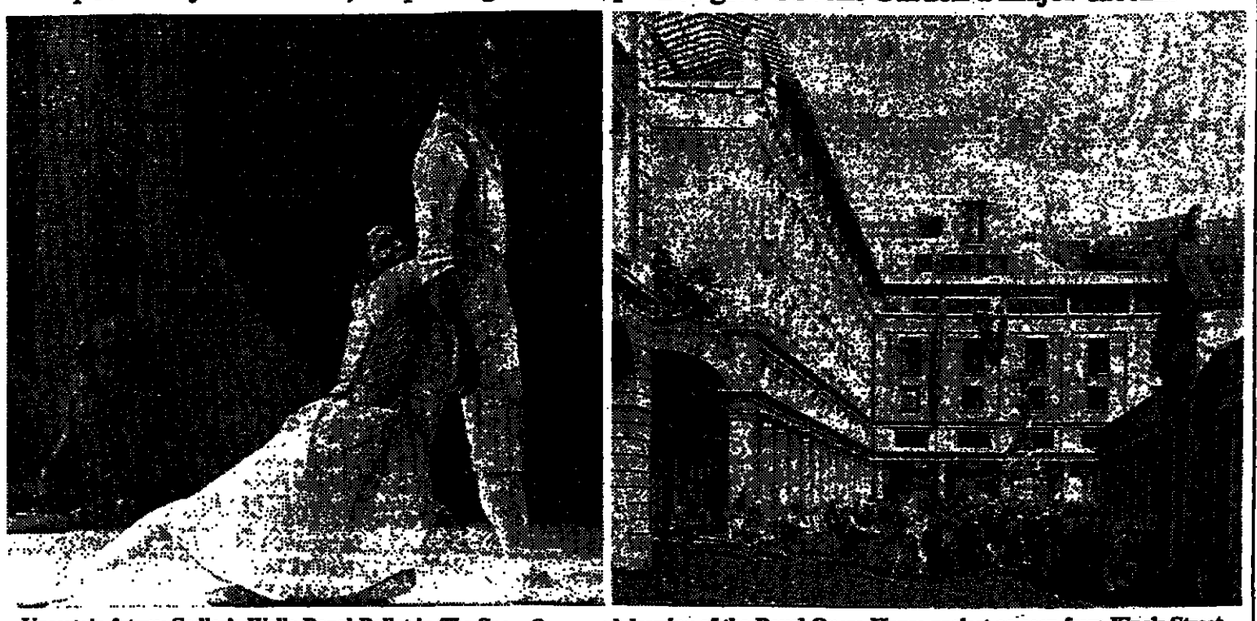
In sub-Miami Vice mode, they stake out potential trouble spots sporting gelled hair and Fred Perry T-shirts, worry about their girlfriends, and are capable of slipping-up now and again.

The dragon, a sprawling London council estate, clearly lacked the setting of Florida, so to compensate a superfluous glamour ingredient was added to the main thrust of last night's episode. O'Dowd, the Liverpudlian hot-head of the team, was offered the post of bodyguard to an unconvincing Gulf princess also living on the "Babies' beat".

Alexandra Shulman

Phantom of the Opera House

Crisis looms for Britain's ballet and opera companies. John Percival reports on the alarming effects of cuts in government grants, the threat of bankruptcies and even the possibility of closures, despite a grandiose plan to give Covent Garden a major facelift



Uncertain future: Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in *The Snow Queen* and drawing of the Royal Opera House project as seen from King's Street

Britain's ballet companies have all started 1987 with clouds hanging over them in this severe economic climate for the arts. Scottish Ballet has just had to cancel two short ballets, the only new productions planned for this performing year, for lack of funds. That makes two years running in which they have been unable to afford any new works. Without the unusually strong backlist of productions they have built up, their plight would be even worse than it is.

London Festival Ballet by unusually vigorous – and fortunate – pushing for sponsorship, has managed to mount more new productions than usual, but the timorousness of regional theatre managements and the requirement to balance the books prevent the less famous ballets from being toured. So for months on end the dancers can perform only one or two proved crowd-pullers, and audiences outside London are confined to a small selection from a growing repertory.

Northern Ballet Theatre has enlarged its activities by putting on sensible adaptations of the popular Tchaikovsky classics that sell out at even the largest theatres, thus helping to pay for less profitable activities of serving smaller towns within the company's region and trying out new choreographers. But that transgresses tidy guidelines' about which companies should do what, and causes a lot of tut-tutting from people at Arts Council headquarters.

The Royal Ballet does not suffer these burdens. But over its two companies hang the longest shadows of all, caused by Covent Garden's shaky future. Announcing its policy for allocating grants during 1987-8, the Arts Council said that discussions are continuing about the grant to the Royal Opera House, which is responsible for the Royal Ballet and Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet as well as the Royal Opera (a fact ignored by several commentators who have written of Covent Garden's crisis exclusively in terms of Opera.)

We know what the continuing discussions must involve. Covent Garden says it cannot manage with its present grant, let alone any reduction. The Arts Council says it cannot provide more. A botched up compromise would be the usual outcome, but these are not normal times and speculation on extreme measures, even the closure of the house, has been rife.

A more likely outcome is some drastic diminution of activities comparable to Peter Hall's closing the Cottesloe in 1985. Reducing the length of the season or the number of productions have been mentioned; there are alarming rumours also of closing down Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.

As that is the company that costs least to run and reaches the widest audience, such an idea ought to be unthinkable, but it might commend itself to Covent Garden's metropolitan minded, pro-opera board. "Just for a year perhaps", is one suggestion I have heard; as if a successful team could be replaced without much time and cost.

Covent Garden is underfunded by the standards of its peers in other countries. But that it equally true of almost all British arts institutions, and why should the others suffer so that Covent Garden can have special treatment? The likelihood of extra cash from the present government seems remote, even though it has been shown that much of what is paid into the theatrical arts returns to the Treasury by way of taxes, job creation and other advantages.

If the present crisis is avoided, another looms in the shape of a development scheme that involves enormous financial risks. A scheme commended by the board as promising to make Covent Garden "one of the finest artistic centres in the world", but actually achieving necessary back-stage benefits with only limited improvements to the present auditorium, no possibility of the once promised second auditorium and negligible room for other artistic activities.

Instead, land bought for the arts would be used for new offices, in spite of local opposition. Then only if that is completed to budget, is successfully let at estimated prices and if another £20 million can be raised besides, will there be even a start to the Opera House improvements. And if anything goes wrong with the forecasts – possible bankruptcy for the performing companies.

In the circumstances, we need to ask whether Covent Garden is run in the best possible way. Any criticism of expenditure there is countered nowadays by references to the Priestley Report, but everyone who watches its activities knows of some extravagances: big ones like the unused *Otello* decors; small ones like engaging two scarcely needed guests this season to play Drosselmeyer *The Nutcracker*, but ensuring that their presence did not sell a single extra seat by not mentioning them in the advance publicity.

The cumulative effect of even trivial extravagance must be substantial; but the root of the trouble goes deeper, to a board and senior management that seems sometimes more inclined to moan about the limited budget than to find ways of living realistically within it. If they got the larger grants they request, can we be sure they would manage better?

Proper budgeting involves increasing income as well as keeping expenditure down. Given the enormous prestige of its name, Covent Garden's income from sponsorship, donations, merchandising and other special activities remains small in relation to total costs, and the proportion has not significantly increased over the past five years.

Differential pricing policies, with some nights at premium prices, have been applied successfully abroad; why not at Covent Garden? What about transfers of successful productions for a run in another theatre? This would be much more difficult with opera and ballet than with plays, but not totally impossible. What about performances outside London or even in small London theatres by a small group of dancers? London Festival Ballet and the Palace Opera Ballet can both do it.

It maywell be that these ideas have been considered, but we have no way of knowing. The board's monthly meetings are private, although an Arts Council representative attends, and their minutes are secret. They occupy a privileged position: accountable neither to the public as a local authority is, nor to shareholders, who would surely before now have insisted on big changes.

Perhaps what Covent Garden needs is an entirely new kind of board. The present directors, self-perpetuating, are drawn from a small sector of society. Whatever their individual virtues, those with most to contribute are likely to have least time available. To their collective hands are entrusted the running of three national companies and a vast theatre, costing over £25 million a year, more than half from public funds.

What alternative is there: representatives, perhaps, nominated by various bodies, from a wider range of interests, backgrounds and social classes, perhaps even elected in some way?

There could be more public accountability with open meetings (like a shareholders meeting) every year. Any agreed solution must depend upon public debate, but time is short. Otherwise we may find ourselves with even more reason to worry about the future of our national ballet and opera companies.

Old tricks lose their lustre

The Queen of Spades
Coliseum

Four years ago I was prepared to go all the way with David Pountney's version of *The Queen of Spades* as a dreamplay.

By acting out the opera in an entirely imaginary space – a ballroom in the sky, open to the wind to make its draperies billow, and visited by white-faced ghosts – it made the simple but necessary point that Hermann is so intimate a self-projection as to belong to no world outside Tchaikovsky's head.

The revival, however, proves rather disappointing, and not entirely because one has seen all the tricks before.

OPERA

Some, like that of the three white ladies stuck in a groove of pulling faces at Hermann during the ball scene, are still apt but mystifying in the way of dreams, and perhaps only the multiple appearance of the defunct countess now seems an idea that would work better on film than in the theatre. The main problem lies in the central performances. Janice Cairns was singing, we were told, with "a very high temperature indeed". Although that hardly seemed to weaken her singing, it did perhaps detract something from the level of hysteria she was able to sustain.

Alan Woodrow was differently handicapped, by memories of Graham Clark: his interpretation of self-disgust and obsessive mania was a lot bluffer, but the performance had a frank force and musical security that bode well.

Sarah Walker repeats her walking mask of a countess, and Jean Rigby her honest Pauline. Donald Maxwell, as Yeletsky, strides about with fitting disgust at the edge of his mouth, and the team of brother officers is dominated by the mellifluous Tomsky of Robert Hayward, making an impressive company debut.

The orchestral marvels are astutely delivered under Lionel Friend, who also has the men of the chorus singing in proud, authentically Russian form.

Paul Griffiths

"The 'Alf' side of me still exists. 'Alf' always tended to be very brash and loud. She gets a lot of pleasure out of sexually harrassing men." ALISON MOYET

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Bopha!
Cottesloe

If ever there was an example to prove Dario Fo's theory that art forms are born out of physical necessity it is the work of groups like the Serpent Players and the Earth Players, now operating in the church halls and classrooms of South African townships.

Pieces like *Asinamali* and Percy Mtwa's *Bopha!* (both first seen at Edinburgh last year) give new definition to the term "poverty theatre"; no longer an avant-garde elitist movement as it was in the 1960s, but an urgent popular style adopted by its practitioners because they have no choice in the matter.

Like war poets with only old envelopes to write on, they compress huge passions into minimal resources, and produce an impact that leaves you wondering why the theatre should ever need anything more than actors with well-trained bodies and something to say.

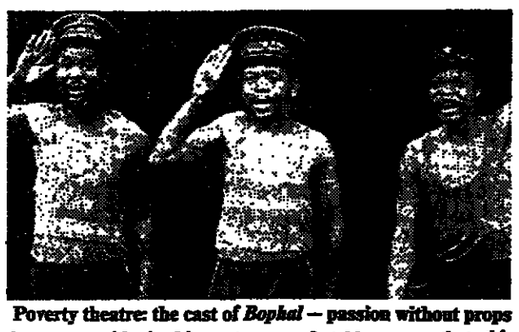
Bopha! is an 80-minute fable about the role of blacks in the South African police. It tells the story of two brothers: Njandini, a servile cop with immense pride in his petty official status; and Naledi, a reluctant recruit who joins the force as an alternative to destitution.

The action turns on the "suicide" of a detainee, and the ensuing funeral which is bloodily broken up by the police – including Njandini who discovers that his own son is among the battered mourners, and resigns from a job he now recognizes as a betrayal of his people.

If this were a naturalistic piece, you would be uncomfortably aware that this change of heart is brought about by threats, which somehow manage to ignore the actualities of the burning tyre necklace and other reprisals which the township comrades inflict on traitors.

In the author's production, and as played by the dazzlingly accomplished trio of Sidney Khumalo, Aubrey Maolosi Molefe and Aubrey Radebe, it has the force of a biblical parable reinforced with magnificent dance and music, and the zest of village comedy.

Poetry of protest



Poverty theatre: the cast of *Bopha!* – passion without props

THEATRE

Although there are no instruments, sets or lighting design, the effect is that of total theatre, as Mtwa is able to speak as expressively through vocal and bodily rhythms as through dialogue.

The basic message, for instance, appears in the opening spectacle of an eloquently choreographed work song which then changes, as the cast goes into uniform, into jerkily ridiculous drill and shouts of "to the left" which disintegrate into ugly gibberish.

Throughout the piece, separate episodes are punctuated with songs which translate personal into public drama: and which finally carry the story out onto the streets when the three actors become the crowd of mourners whose angry lamentations dissolve in cadencies of vocal machine-gun fire.

Given that climax, and indeed the theme itself, the production is amazingly free from self-righteous indignation.

Irving Wardle

Go directly to jail

Monopoly
Old Red Lion

As an image of hell, it would be hard to beat Nicholas McInerny's idea of locking up four British hostages in an Islamic prison cell with nothing to do but play Monopoly. Even the torments of Sartre's *Huis Clos* lacked that last exquisite refinement.

The hostages consist of two Liverpool construction workers, a Christian journalist and British Council lecturer, who first appear as comrades in distress, stoically whiling away the days. Gradually the picture darkens, as Islamic repression intensifies and the prisoners become increasingly obsessed with landing on Mayfair. When the girl from the embassy arrives to announce the severance of diplomatic relations, they are too absorbed in the game to listen to her.

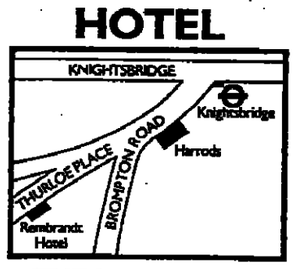
That sounds convincing at the time, but all it seems to mean is that Monopoly brings out the worst out in everybody. To go beyond that and link it to the passions of Islamic Jihad is nonsensical. Even between the four players the game is made to carry more weight than it can bear, splitting the comrades into representatives of the church, the intelligentsia, and the workers. What starts off as a play about four unlucky people turns into a schematic brawl over the British class system.

However, if Mr McInerney is not in full control of his material, the material itself is full of life. In the early scenes of Jonathan Myerson's production, the clowning Liverpudlians and the determinedly tolerant lecturer are given dangerous vitality by Paul Dalton, William Key, and Paul Forty. The game itself gathers ferocious momentum up to the moment when, with the discovery of a last cigarette, it is played for real stakes. And there are thrilling passages when game and reality changes places: as when the lights go out and an enraged player shouts: "They can't do that – I own the Electric Company". **I.W.**



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REVIEW

Never be lost for rare words

PAPERBACKS

The Penguin Dictionary of Curious and Interesting Words by George Stone Saussy III (Penguin, £3.95)
A Dictionary of Catch Phrases by Eric Partridge, edited by Paul Beale (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £8.95)

The Penguin dictionary of rare words shows how they are used by modern authors. Robert Nye gives us *thrasonical* instead of boastful; R.M. Koster prefers *grimping* to climbing; Alexander Theroux calls a clown a *balatron*: Anthony Burgess describes cheese-making as *caseation*; and Samuel Beckett finds an alternative word for nose-picking. He calls it *emunction*.

I can't help wondering what life would be like if we were completely engulfed by the sort of words favoured by Burgess, Beckett, Theroux, and the other 45 authors quoted in the dictionary. Something like this, perhaps?

"I suppose you've had a batrachomyomachia with a dragonate wittol." (I suppose you've quarreled with a fierce, suspicious husband.)

"It was a futamorgan. He discovered me, discalced and engaged in entripsia, with his clipsome kaleidogyn." (It was a mistake. He discovered me, barefoot and fondling his embraceable beautiful woman.)

"Did he suspect spousebreach?" (Did he suspect adultery?)

"It was merely fugacious desipience. I'm not even a gynotikolomassophile." (It was merely short-term silliness. I'm not even an ear-lobe biter.)

At that point I shall leave the dialogue, before it becomes as lewd as much of the late Eric Partridge's *Dictionary of Catch Phrases*. A revised version has been edited by Paul Beale and it often requires translation.

"I could eat that without salt." (I fancy the waitress.)

"You can certainly see her breakfast." (She's wearing a low-cut dress.)

Although those phrases are said to have died out by the mid-Fifties; my favourite example is said to have been in general use since an encounter, in 1920, between an agent and an actress.

"Won't you come in for a drink?"

"No thanks, I bruise very, easily."

If you think this scholarly work sounds like the best possible family-fun book, you are absolutely right. When Eric Partridge compiled it, he gave his blessing to its near-the-knuckle contents with a catch phrase of his own invention.

"A dirty mind," he said, "is a joy for ever."

Even so, if you want to know more about those zeppelinical unchies, you must look them up yourself.

Kenneth Robinson

FICTION

Country Life by Charlotte Bingham (Pan, £2.50)

This sequel to *Belgravia* romps its comic way through the snobbery, pretensions and prejudices of the titled and timocratic in village life.

Victims of Bingham's wit include Lady Tisbury, alias Lady Tizzy, alias "common" Patti, who swathes her stuffy husband's home in ample orange satin and herself in less than ample leather mini-skirts; the dreary Lady Pemberton, paranoid about social, and her husband's sexual, niceties; the characters are, without exception, selfish and ridiculous.

Biting and bitchy, the book is very funny in places; but in its attack on vulgarity and stupidity, espouses the snobbery it indicts. Read it, enjoy it, but don't laugh too loud.

Sabine Durrant

Spirit of the hipster

JAZZ RECORDS

Chet Baker: The Complete Pacific Jazz Live Recordings of the Chet Baker Quartet with Russ Freeman (Mosaic MR4-113, 4 discs); **Chet Baker in Paris — The Complete Barclay Recordings** (Fresh Sound FSR BOX-1, 5 discs); **Candy** (Sonet SNTF-948); **Strollin'** (Enja 5005); **Chet Baker Sings Again** (Timeless SJP 238)

When the bright young things at the ad agency responsible for those almost painfully trendy Levi's jeans commercials saw a picture of the trumpeter Chet Baker on the cover of that almost painfully trendy new book called *The Hip*, they rang the publisher to find out where they could get hold of him. Insolent cheekbones and a slouching way of wearing a white T-shirt made this character the obvious successor to the chap who took his 501s off in the launderette most nights on prime-time television. Imagine their dismay when they were told that the golden youth in question is now well into his sixth decade, the photograph having been taken (unposed, as life in general used to be) in the early 1950s.

Like James Dean and the young Presley, Chet Baker is an icon with an appeal that speaks across generations. So does his music, once the object of furtive cults but now available in unprecedented quantities. Unusually, too, for a jazz musician with a lengthy career behind him, his latest music is as worthy of attention as his earliest, and vice versa. For a long-term junkie generally assumed to be an all-round casualty, the truly extraordinary quality of his output is its consistency across the years.

Mosaic and Fresh Sound, respectively American and Spanish purveyors of high-class jazz reissues, have done a marvellous job with some of the most

They manage to improvise simultaneously without treading on each other's toes

noteworthy music of his early years as a leader. **The Complete Pacific Jazz Live Recordings**, annotated with Mosaic's usual loving care, includes one complete album issued at the time, the spirited *Jazz at Ann Arbor*, but the remaining three discs contain material from two California performances seeing the light of day for the first time.

Baker's chief accomplice in his 1954 quartet was the pianist Russ Freeman, who made a thoughtful synthesis of the innovations of Bud Powell, Thelonious Monk and Lennie Tristano. Rhythmically alert and partial to the occasional strategic dissonance, his playing can be heard at its most potent in his beautifully shaped solo on "Moonlight in Vermont", in his two-handed work on "Billie's Bounce" and in his interplay with Baker on Tadd Dameron's "Lady Bird", where the two men manage to improvise simultaneously without either treading on each other's toes or seeming unduly deferential.



This band of stylish and swinging young bloods was completed by the bassist Carson Smith and the drummer Bob Neel, the latter a convincing disciple of Shelly Manne. The monaural recordings are so clear that you can hear Baker quietly snapping his fingers on the backbeat during the bass solo on the Ann Arbor version of "Stella by Starlight".

The following year, Baker crossed the Atlantic for a tour by a quartet featuring another remarkable pianist. Dick Twardzik, 24 years old, might have become a giant had he not died from an overdose of heroin in a Parisian hotel room six weeks after their arrival. Ten days before his death, the group had made one of the outstanding recordings of Baker's career, now available again as a part of **Chet Baker in Paris**, another lavish box including three LPs, two EPs and a facsimile of the programme for Baker's concert at the Salle Pleyel, autographed by each member of the quartet.

The Twardzik session consisted of nine compositions by Bob Zieff, an otherwise obscure Bostonian brought to Baker's attention by his new pianist.

Carefully plotted, with a slightly academic air of deliberation, pieces such as "Rondette" and "Mid-Forte" nevertheless stimulated a different, less carefree facet of Baker's temperament, while exposing Twardzik's original view of life and art. Two more of Zieff's titles, "Brash" and "Pomp", express exactly what this music is not.

Three days after Twardzik's demise, Baker was back in the studio with, a rearranged group featuring a new pianist, Gérard Gustin, playing a set of standard ballads. The emotionality of these pieces may not be surprising; the poise perhaps is. "You Go to My Head" has never sounded more fateful, while Baker can never have improved upon the elegant simplicity of his reading of "Tenderly". Even the swinger, "I'll Remember April", expresses loss and regret.

Against the odds, Baker himself is still with us, and those who witnessed his last-but-one season at Ronnie Scott's Club will know that in 1985 he was in particularly good form. Three European recordings from that year all find him playing with a sumptuous tone and inventive phrasing, most clearly of all on Candy, where, with the sensitive support of two old friends, the pianist Michel Graillier and the bassist Jean-Louis Rassinfosse, he triumphantly tackles such demanding material as Miles Davis's "Nardis" and Bud Powell's "Tempus Fugit".

Graillier is replaced by the guitarist Philippe Catherine for the comparatively lacklustre Strollin', taped at a German festival, but is back for Chet Baker Sings Again, on which a drummer is added. Baker's wispy vocalizing, in the appealing "amateur" tradition of Hoagy Carmichael, Mose Allison and Willie Nelson, is particularly effective on "Someone to Watch Over Me", a song perfectly suited to his unique combination of world-weariness and resolution because it suggests that, however frail the body, the spirit will persevere. The story of his life, of course.

Richard Williams

Lifting guitar riffs

ROCK RECORDS

Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble: Live Alive (Epic 450238 1)
Womack and Womack: Starbright (Manhattan MTL 1005)

Stevie Ray Vaughan is not a man to buck the established code of guitar hero practices, and it was only a matter of time before the obligatory double-five album became available.

Live Alive is a heavy dose of blues guitar rock that celebrates the concentrated essence of a career mortgaged to the memory of Jimi Hendrix, and while the review has yet to be written that does not liken Vaughan's playing to that of Hendrix, it is still astounding to hear his uncanny reading of "Voodoo Chile (Slight Return)" complete with all the bumps, scrapes, squeals and ad-libs from the original recording that Hendrix himself was far too undisciplined to reproduce verbatim night after night.

Vaughan does not leave fingerprints so much as a signed calling card at the scene of his thefts and "Life Without You" casually lifts the cadences of "Little Wing". "Say What!" follows the shuffling instrumental groove of "Still Raining, Still Dreaming" and "Texas Flood" with its torrents of wailing guitar is more or less "Red House" without the lyrical wit.

Lack of originality aside, there is no doubting Vaughan's extraordinary technical ability together with the road-hugging security of the Double Trouble backing vehicle. They are at their best lashing into a slow blues like "Ain't Gonna Give Up On Love" or striding through the moody shuffle of "Cold Shot" where Vaughan sings with a considered rough malevolence.

But the album offers no fresh insights and with the exceptions of "Willie the Wimp", "I'm Leaving You" and a top-heavy version of Stevie Wonder's "Superstition", the material is culled entirely from Vaughan's last three albums, thus reinforcing an already overwhelming sense of *déjà vu*.

Cecil and Linda Womack have tarted themselves up with strikingly vulgar chic for the cover photograph of **Starbright** and the music also tends to reflect a rather brasher approach than of yore. They write good tough soul tunes like "Family", "New York City" and "Soul Love (Soul Man" (an echo of "Love Wars") but hang them on oppressively loud, stiff disco drum tracks. The entire Womack dynasty is featured in various capacities, but Cecil is clearly the man in charge, singing with throaty passion on "Find Yourself Another Girl" and duetting with his wife on a Bobby Womack composition "The Reason" that sounds as though it could have been written by Prince. It is a good stab, but not quite the party record they hoped for.

David Sinclair

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Messiaen: Poemes pour Mi, Chants de terre et de ciel Manning, Mason. Unicorn DKP 9043 (black disc)

The repertory of Messiaen on record has been thoroughly revitalized in the last few years by just this one company: first with Jennifer Bate's imposing stride through the organ works, and now with Peter Hill's continuing piano cycle and Jane Manning's collection of the songs, which I suppose this issue completes, although it would be good to hear her in the early triptych and the unrecorded cantata *La mort du nombre*.

What distinguishes the present record, like its predecessor offering *Harawi*, is the realization from both musicians that Messiaen's songs are not polite. Miss Manning manages an unusual marriage of total conviction with utter strangeness: she can be staggeringly forceful in the more declamatory music, just as she can bring a still coldness to long, quiet melismas or a comfortable warmth to what is affectionate in these liturgies of domestic bliss.

Her identification with the songs is complete, and places her with them in a world where alleluias can exist alongside paeans to erotic contentment. There is nothing so mild and familiar as charm here. One hears, rather, the savage beneath the skin of western culture: the deeper civilization has been lost; though the effect of loss depends on a sure-fire technical competence from Miss Manning.

David Mason, her accompanist, is also a miraculously talented barbarian, with a swooping range of colour and a precise rhythmic control that constantly point up new features in the piano parts. With such a partnership there is a new relevance when Miss Manning sings "De deux nous voici un".

Paul Griffiths

BRIDGE

Three master guides to the card tricks

Whatever may be said about the three books I mention this week, which are all devoted to recondite aspects of the game, they afford proof of the health of the publishing industry.

Two come from the tireless pen of Hugh Kelsey. Kelsey says he has written more than five million words about bridge, so it is hardly surprising that he has to stray far from the beaten track to find something fresh to write about.

In *Bridge Wizardry* (Methuen, £8.95), Kelsey describes the care a bridge analyst must exercise if he is to avoid error. In the manner of an illusionist, he offers the reader the choice of role as declarer or defender. Whether the final conclusions are always compatible with practical play is debatable, but the magic is invariably produced with style.

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W	N	E	S
2♢(1)	No	2NT(2)	3♠
No	4♠	Dble	No
No	No	–	–

(1) Multi-coloured 20. *Usually a weak two bid in a major.*
(2) Strong, and forcing.

Would you back declarer or the defence? On the "wooden" lead of the ♡J, declarer plays on clubs, forcing the defence to play trumps. But now, by unblocking his diamonds, declarer has sufficient entries to establish the ♡Q. A club lead and a trump switch is no better, because the ♠7 now assumes the role of the vital fourth entry to dummy.

Then the defence is doomed? Not at all. West must lead a trump and East must contribute *a small spade* at trick one. Kelsey does pause to consider whether such a defence is a practical possibility, but concludes that it is. Perhaps, but if it happened to me with any frequency, my bank manager would insist that I gave up the game at once.

Strip Squeezes (Gollancz, £8.95) is a short exposition of the pressure play that usually arises when declarer is unable to rectify the count. The difficulty with squeeze play lies in the recognition that it is necessary, rather than in the technical execution. It is for this reason that even those who play in a tough school will only rarely find themselves victims of a squeeze. But for those who are determined to unravel the mysteries of the See-saw, the Vice, and the Submarine strip squeeze, I can recommend Kelsey's lucid account.

Bridge, The Ultimate Limits by Eric Mansfield, edited by Derek Rimington (Robert Hale, £8.95) is a most unusual work. Mansfield's speciality is inferential problems. The reader is provided with 26 cards and the assurance that the specified contract can be made. He is then invited to work out the requisite distribution, given that the cards lie favourably. The problems, although fiendishly difficult, pose an amusing intellectual challenge.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Champion's revenge

According to Viktor Korchnoi, Gary Kasparov has revitalized top-level chess by his aggressive, uncompromising approach. The recent OHRA tournament in Brussels reached Category 16 and achieved the highest average rating of any tournament since the international rating system was introduced almost 20 years ago. Nevertheless, Kasparov won with a possibly record score of 7½/10 ahead of Korchnoi 5½, Hubner and Nunn 5, Short 4 and Portisch 3.

The sensational win which Nigel Short scored against Kasparov was published in the *The Times* immediately after it was played. Here is Kasparov's revenge which, incidentally, was awarded the brilliancy prize.

White: Kasparov; Black: Short. OHRA, Brussels 1986, Queen's Gambit Declined

1 d4	d5	2 Nf3	Nf6	
3 c4	e6	4 Nc3	Be7	
5 Bg5	h6	6 Bxf6	Bxf6	
7 e3	0-0	8 Rc1		

Kasparov's favourite form of the Queen's Gambit, which he used to demolish Karpov in the vital 22nd game of the last world title match.

8 –	c6	9 Bd3	Nd7	
10 0-0	dxc4	11 Bxc4	c5	
12 b3	cxb4	13 axb4	Nb6	
14 Bb3	2b6	15 Re1	Bg6	

An innovation. After 16 Nxg5 Qxg5 White has nothing.

16 Re1 Nd7

To stop Ne5.

17 d5 Rc8 18 Na4

Inaugurating a brilliant manoeuvre.

18 –	Bg6	19 Nc5	bxa6	
20 dxe6	fxe7	21 Qxd7		

If 21 exd7 Rc7 22 Be6 Bf5! ultimately regains the pawn.

21 – Qb6 22 d7 Rfe8

If 22 ... Rxf2? 23 Na4! wins or 22 ... Qxf2+ 23 Kh1 Rfe8 24 Ne4 with great advantage.

23 Qg4 Qc5 24 Ne4 Qxe7 25 Bc2!

A remarkable position. Black is in zugzwang and he is also threatened with f4 followed by Ng5+.

25 –	Rf8	26 g3	Qd8	
27 Rad1	Qe6	28 f4	Be7	
29 Nc3!				

The final blow which permits White's Rooks to invade the 7th rank.

29 –	Bxc2	30 Rxe7	Rg8	
31 Re7	Bb5	32 Rxg7+	Kh8	
33 Qd4				

Black resigns

After 33 ... Bxd7 34 Rxd7+ mates briskly.

The record breaking OHRA tournament will be covered by BBC2 in 13 episodes on Saturday afternoons, starting this month.

Raymond Keene

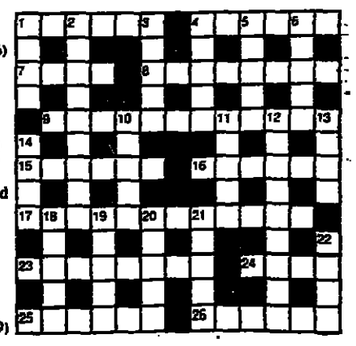
Times Jumbo crossword winners and solution

The five winners of the Times Christmas Jumbo Crossword published on December 20, 1986, who each receive a £50 prize, are: Mr Dick Atkinson, Northumberland Court, Hebburn, Tyne and Wear; Dr G. Fraser Anderson, Brunysfield Gardens, Edinburgh; Miss P. Cowley, West Afton, Freshwater, Isle of Wight; Mr A. J. Partington, Towers Lane, Cockermouth, Cumbria; and Mr Colin Mercer, The Causeway, Therfield, Royston, Hertfordshire. Answers below.

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1152

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, January 15. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, January 17.



ACROSS
1 Spacecraft unit (6)
4 Light rowing boat (6)
7 Destiny (4)
8 Frenzied state (8)
9 Trusting (12)
15 Uncountable (6)
16 Tyrolean dress (6)
17 Fireworks craft (12)
23 Without harm (4,4)
24 Unwrap (4)
25 Mahogany-like wood (6)
26 View (6)

DOWN
1 Bungle (4)
2 Explosives igniter (9)
3 Era character (5)
4 Ravage (5)
5 Happening (5)
6 Predominate (5)
10 Not illuminated (5)
11 Stone mound (5)
12 Blamelessness (9)
13 Fierce storm (4)
14 Tooth point (4)
18 Spanish Bayonet (5)
19 Unusual (5)
20 Weird (5)
21 Laughing mammal (5)
22 Chimney deposit (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1151

ACROSS: 1 Canuck 4 Hiatus 7 Tomb 8 Diaspora 9 Redress 11 Icing 12 Heath Robinson 15 Adder 16 Piccolo 20 Confetti 21 Maxi 22 Teabag 23 Modish

DOWN: 1 Catarrh 2 Nomad 3 Kudos 4 Hoax 5 Tropics 6 Slang 10 Ether 11 Illiac 13 Addenda 14 Neolith 15 Ascot 17 Idiom 18 Okapi 19 Stag

The winners of prize concise No 1146 are: Mrs I. K. Vecchi, Sunningdale Avenue, Barking, Essex; and Mr W. Small, Lumley Tower, Hendon, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

SOLUTION TO NO 1146 (last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Static 4 Combat 7 Room 8 Barbaric 9 Passe-partout 15 Loofah 16 Amatol 17 Master-at-arms 23 Barbican 24 Etch 25 Player 26 Canyon
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THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Argy-bargy drama

Renewed hostilities over *The Falklands Play*, shelved by the BBC, are on the horizon with the publication by Hutchinson next month of the original text. Playwright Ian Curteis tells me he has written a 20-page introduction giving a detailed account of the row, including correspondence with Alasdair Milne and other BBC executives. Despite its assertion that the play was "an unacceptable dramatic risk" in the run-up to the next general election, the BBC seems in no hurry to get rid of it. An approach from Anglia for the production rights was firmly rejected. "That smacks to me," Curteis mutters darkly, "of them trying to block it."

● **In a curious case of taking with one hand and giving with the other, the Arts Council has frozen its grant to the National Theatre, but awarded £17,000 to EMI to record piano and saxophone concertos by Dominic Muldowney — the theatre's composer.**

Slip up

An embarrassing mix-up by a computer company added an element of farce to the London Philharmonic Orchestra's abortive take-over bid for the Philharmonia last month. It seems the LPO pay slips were delivered to the Philharmonia by mistake — and guess where the latter's ended up? I am assured the confidential missives were restored to their rightful owners, unopened.

Papa's poem

Variations on a popular family theme are promised by the first recording of William Lloyd Webber's *Aurora*, nearly 40 years after it was written. The tone poem, described as a passionately romantic work inspired by the Roman goddess of dawn, received only one professional performance in Webber's lifetime (he died in 1982, aged 68). The record, released next month, includes a newly orchestrated version of son Andrew's *Variations* — featuring other son Julian as solo cellist. More music by Webber senior is being recorded, including choral works conducted by Richard Hickox and pieces for piano performed by John Lill.



Lloyd Webber and son Andrew

Cowboy time

Anyone with a penchant for "Once upon a time..." stories may usefully consult a full-blooded Lakota Sioux hoop dancer in Brentford, Middlesex, later this month. The prosaically named Kevin Locke, a member of the Standing Rock Tribe, is among traditional story-tellers billed to appear in an international festival of folklore at the Watermans Arts Centre.

Gavin Bell

THE WEEK AHEAD



MIME

SPEECHLESS: Rowan Atkinson leads a gala production appropriately titled *Louder Than Words* during the three-week London International Mime Festival. With an emphasis on circus skills and vaudeville rather than the traditional white face mime, the festival brings together such performers as The Adaptors, an acclaimed New York troupe making their first visit to London, and the gifted Irishman, Ben Keaton, who won a fringe award at the 1986 Edinburgh Festival. From Monday. Further information on 01-637 5661.



GALLERIES

BEST OF BRITISH: Osbert Sitwell, sculpted in brass by Frank Dobson (1923). It is one of 300 works in *British Art in the Twentieth Century*, an important exhibition which demonstrates that Britain has not been a parochial backwater of Paris and New York. The show starts with Sickert and ends with Conceptualism and Minimalism in the 1970s. Along the way it takes in leading figures from Bomberg, Wyndham Lewis and Paul Nash to Richard Long and Barry Flanagan. Royal Academy of Arts (01-734 9052), from Thursday.



DANCE

CRAFT SHOW: Ben Craft has the title part in Richard Alston's new production of Stravinsky's *Pulcinella*. This slender, intense young man, previously with Bejart's company, has stood out for the clarity and the drama of his dancing since joining Ballet Rambert last year. Comedy will show a different side to his talents. *Pulcinella* is a collaboration between Rambert and Opera North, on a bill with Stravinsky's opera-oratorio, *Oedipus Rex*, which was written with Cocteau. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), from Tuesday.



BOOKS

FROM THE LEFT: Victor Gollancz became as well known for his radical crusades as for the publishing firm he started in 1928. During the 1930s he founded the Left Book Club, which published George Orwell's *The Road to Wigan Pier* and was a potent force in left wing propaganda. After the war he campaigned for the rebuilding of Germany and the abolition of capital punishment. *Victor Gollancz*, a biography by Ruth Dudley Edwards based on family and company papers, is published on Thursday (Gollancz, £20).



OPERA

MIGHTY MOOR: Placido Domingo comes to London with his long-awaited Otello, a role he has sung more than 100 times on stage as well as in the Zeffirelli film. The new production by Elijah Moshinsky celebrates the centenary of Verdi's opera, which was first performed at La Scala in 1887. Domingo was a memorable Otello at Covent Garden six years ago under the same conductor, Carlos Kleiber. Justino Diaz sings Iago, with Katia Ricciarelli as Desdemona. Royal Opera House (01-240 1066), from Tuesday.



TELEVISION

UP COUNTRY: Tammy Wynette, the queen of country music, has packed a lot into her 44 years. The present count is 35 number one records, five husbands and two grandchildren. Life has spilled over into art and her best known numbers, like "Stand By Your Man" and "D.I.V.O.R.C.E", are sung with the genuine emotion of someone who knows. For an *Arena* documentary she retraces her career from the cotton fields of Alabama to Nashville and to Hollywood, where she stars in a TV soap opera. BBC2, Friday, 9.30-10.30pm.

CONCERTS

FORTY YEARS ON: The Smetana Quartet from Czechoslovakia have been together for more than 40 years, longer than any other contemporary string quartet. They play Beethoven, Smetana, Dvořák this evening, Mozart, Janáček and again Dvořák on Fri.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, Fri, 7.30pm.

COMPLETE MESSIAH: Handel's Messiah, complete for once, in the Basil Lam edition, is heard from the London Orpheus Choir, Orchestra and soloists conducted by James Gaddarn. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, credit cards 01-928 8800). Today, 7.30pm.

FROM WARSAW: Sir Yehudi Menuhin conducts the Warsaw Sinfonia in Wagner's *Siegried* Idyll, Rossini's *Gazza Ladra* Overture, Bacewicz's Concerto for Strings and Mozart's Symphony No 41 "Jupiter". Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795). Today, 8pm.

WORDSWORTH/LCO: Rossini's *Barbieri di Siviglia* Overture, Handel's Water Music, Grieg's *Peer Gynt* Suite No 1, Borodin's Polovtsian Dances are all played by the London Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordworth. And in Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 the soloist is Alan Gravill.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

FOU/PHILHARMONIA: Fou Ts'ong solos in Mozart's Piano Concerto K 467 with the Philharmonia Orchestra under Francesco d'Avalos. And they add Bruckner's Symphony No 7.
Barbican Centre. Mon, 7.45pm.

ALL STRAVINSKY: The Endymion Ensemble play both the 1920 and '47 versions of Stravinsky's Symphonies of Wind Instruments, also his neoclassical *Dumbarton Oaks*, jazzy Ebony Concerto, and the Octet.
Queen Elizabeth Hall. Tues, 7.45pm.

ANDRE/ECO: Martin André conducts the English Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's *Nozze di Figaro* Overture and Symphony No 40, Beethoven's *Coriolanus* Overture and Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor" (Steven de Groote, soloist).
Barbican Centre. Wed, 7.45pm.

ELGAR TRANSCRIBED: Mark Braunstein solos in Elgar's Cello Concerto transcribed for the viola by Lionel Tertis. The Academy of London under Richard Stamp also plays Elgar's Introduction and Allegro.
Barbican Centre. Thurs, 7.45pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY

IRVING PENN: A retrospective of the American photographer whose work is associated with supreme elegance and style; portraiture, advertising and fashion have all been influenced by his work. He can turn a cigarette packet in to a work of art.
Henry Cole Wing, Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-589 6371).

DANCE

SURAYA HILAL: With an individual and creative approach to traditional Egyptian dance forms, she gives a new programme (tomorrow, Jan 25) supported by leading Egyptian musicians.
Bloomsbury Theatre (01-387 9629).

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Two more performances today of the "golden oldies" programme including Ashton's rarely seen *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales*. Also this week (Thurs, Fri), the premieres of works by David Bintley and Jennifer Jackson, on a bill with Ninette de Valois's *Checkmate* and the new production of Frank Staff's *Peter and the Wolf*. Further performances of *Coppelia* (Mon-Wed, Jan 17) complete the company's London season.
Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916).

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLERT: Last week of its London season: *The Nutcracker* runs nightly, plus Sat matinée, until Jan 17.
Festival Hall (01-928 3191).

ROYAL BALLET: Two performances this week (Thurs, Fri), when MacMillan's *Gloria* is given with Bintley's *Young Apollo* and Wayne Eagling's *Beauty and the Beast*.
Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

SCOTTISH BALLET: Peter Darrell's attractive *Cinderella* to music by Rossini will be given at Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234) until Jan 17, then touring to Aberdeen, Hull, Edinburgh and Belfast.

TELEVISION

STATE OF THE ART: Ambitious six-part survey of the painting and sculpture of the last decade, treated under thematic headings like "sexuality" and "politics" and including extensive interviews with the artists.
Channel 4, tomorrow, 8.15-9.15pm.

BLUNT: A rich, stylish drama by Robin Chapman about the aesthete turned spy, Anthony Blunt, and his part in the defection of Burgess and Maclean. Superb playing by Ian Richardson (Blunt) and Anthony Hopkins as Burgess.
BBC2, tomorrow, 10-11.25pm.



● **Joan Hickson, 80 last year, played supporting parts in dozens of plays and films before emerging as a star as Agatha Christie's apparently vague but devilishly shrewd Miss Marple. In her latest case, *Sleeping Murder*, she helps a young couple uncover the grisly secrets of a seaside villa. Ken Taylor's two-part adaptation starts tomorrow (BBC1, 7.45-8.40pm) and concludes on January 18.**

THE SOUTH BANK SHOW: Anthony Hopkins again, talking about his role as King Lear at the National Theatre. With extracts from rehearsals and performances and a look at other stage Lears.
ITV, tomorrow, 10.30-11.30pm.

A SORT OF INNOCENCE: Serial by Alick Rowe (*Morgan's Boy*) about a close-knit Midlands family disrupted by the wife's boorish first husband (Kenneth Cranham). With Cheryl Campbell and Michael Byrne.
BBC1, Tues, 9.30-10.20pm.

JAPAN: BEHIND THE MASK: Trenchant report by John Pilger who looks beyond the stereotypes and finds a country where 35 per cent of children go to university but nearly half the houses have no flush lavatories.
ITV, Tues, 10.30-1130pm.

RADIO

HAMLET AT ELSINORE: Documentary by Lynn ten Kate, who follows David Threlfall and the Oxford Playhouse company as they perform *Hamlet* in Kronborg Castle and speculates on whether Shakespeare ever visited Denmark, a country he apparently knew so well.
Radio 4, tomorrow, 3.30-4pm.

BOTTLED LIGHTNING: Alice James, sister of novelist Henry and psychologist William, was a chronic invalid whose diary, suppressed by her male-dominated family, has been acclaimed as a literary masterpiece. Morag Hood plays Alice in a feature by Gillian Reeve.
Radio 4, Tues, 8.30-9.15pm.

ADI AND EDI: Off-beat satirical comedy from the Czech writer, Jelena Kohout, about two young men, former partners in a circus act, who live in fear of the police. They are played by Jonathan Tafler (son of Sydney) and David Gooderson. Tafler's talking dog is a joy.
Radio 3, Fri, 9.15-10.05pm.

ROCK

FRANKIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD: As a pop phenomenon they have run out of steam, but let's hope they have improved as a live act. Support is the dreaded Berlin.
Tonight, G-Mex, Manchester (061 834 0123); Mon, Tues, Wembley Arena (01-902 1234).

WOMACK AND WOMACK: Linda and Cecil are joined by lots of other Womacks, known as the Valentinos.
Thurs, Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589 8212).

THAT PETROL EMOTION: The ex-Undertones recently secured a major recording contract with their searing, imaginative agit-prop rock.
Tomorrow, Albany Empire, London SE8 (01-691 3333).

MICHELLE SHOCKED: The Texan singer, songwriter, strummer combines soft folk balladry with a narrative lyric style. The next Suzanne Vega?
Tues, The Richmond, Brighton (0273 603974); Wed, Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (01-928 3191); Thurs, The Cricketers, London SE11 (01-735 3059).

NIK KERSHAW: Start of a lengthy British tour for the pretty pop star who knows how to play.
Wed, King George's Hall, Blackburn (0254 582582); Thurs, Manchester Apollo (061 273 3775).

THEATRE

OPENINGS

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA: Transfer of the award-winning Lyric, Hammersmith, production. Nuria Espert directs Glenda Jackson, Joan Plowright and Patricia Hayes in the tragic drama of Spanish provincial life by Federico Garcia Lorca.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue (01-437 3667). Previews Wed and Thurs. Opens Fri.

MILKWOOD BLUES: World premiere of a new comedy by Brian Abbott, with music. Based on the (true) story that Dylan Thomas lost his original manuscript of *Under Milk Wood* during a drunken night in Soho. Characters from the poem mingle with real-life and stereotypical Soho figures.
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith (01-741 2311). Previews from Thurs. Press Night Jan 19.

THREE MEN ON A HORSE: Jonathan Lynn directs Geoffrey Hutchings, Alison Fiske, Gemma Craven, Nicholas le Prevost, Bob Cartland, Ken Stott, in a comedy by George Abbott and John Cecil Holm.
Cottesloe (01-928 2252). Previews from Thurs. Opens Jan 22. In repertory.

SELECTED

KING LEAR: London's only Shakespeare. Anthony Hopkins's violent old man pre-eminent in a mighty production growing mightier each performance.
National (01-928 2252)

42ND STREET: Bright music, bright colour, bright dancing — all this and nostalgia too.
Drury Lane (01-836 8108).

FAR MAID OF THE WEST: Heywood's high jinks on the high seas brings the opening season at the Swan to a close.
Stratford (0789 295623).

MOLL FLANDERS: Defoe on the pursuit of love and lucre, imaginatively staged in a studio production.
Derby Playhouse (0332 363275)

PINOCCHIO: Engaging hero and joyful performances. Top choice for panto hunters.
Theatre Royal, Stratford East (01-534 0310)

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: The Blue Angel: Stephanie Lawrence and Alan Doble in the musical by Andrew Sinclair and Colin Towns, based on the screenplay of the Josef von Sternberg film.
Theatre Royal Old Vic (0272 24388). Opens Wed.

GLASGOW: Death of a Salesman: Giles Havergal directs the resident company in Arthur Miller's classic.
Citizens' (041 429 0022). Opens Fri.

SCARBOROUGH: Time and Time Again: Alan Ayckbourn directs his comedy which will be touring this country and visiting Canada.
Stephen Joseph (0723 370541). Until Jan 17.

SOUTHAMPTON: A Piece of My Mind: World premiere of a Peter Nichols comedy about the life of a writer starring George Cole. Directed by Justin Greene.
Nuffield (0703 555028). Opens Thurs.

FILMS

OPENINGS



● **Tom Waits plays a gravel-voiced misfit in *Down by Law* (15) which follows the adventures of a trio who escape from prison in New Orleans, written and directed with the same elliptical, ironic wit that Jim Jarmusch displayed in *Stranger Than Paradise*. John Lurie and Roberto Benigni complete the threesome. Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366), Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220), from Fri.**

A LOVE BEWITCHED (PG): Carlos Saura's third collaboration with the dancer Antonio Gades, based on de Falla's ballet El Amor Brujo. Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737), from Fri.

SHORT CIRCUIT (PG): Lightning strikes a robotized weapons system, causing chaos. A quite inventive comic romp, aimed at teenage audiences, directed by John Badham; with Ally Sheedy, Steve Guttenberg.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252), from Fri.

PLAYING FOR KEEPS (15): Energetic youth film, with Danny Jordano, Matthew Penn and Leon W Grant as three New York lads trying to turn a dilapidated hotel into a teenager's pleasure dome. Directed by Bob and Harvey Weinstein.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), from Fri.

ROCINANTE (PG): A complex journey through the English countryside and recent British politics, from the film collective Cinema Action; with John Hurt as a romantic dreamer forced to face reality.
Renoir (01-837 8402), from Fri.

VAMP (18): College students in search of a stripper get far more than they bargained for. Furiously stylish and violent horror comic directed by Richard Wenk, featuring disco star Grace Jones.
Prince Charles (01-437 8181), from Fri.

SELECTED

THE SACRIFICE (15): Andrei Tarkovsky's testament — a starkly beautiful parable, shot in Sweden, with Erland Josephson as the intellectual hero facing the world's end.
Lumiere (01-836 0691).

PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (15): Coppola's warm, sophisticated time-warp comedy, in which Kathleen Turner's troubled mum finds herself back at high school.
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111).

HEARTBURN (15): Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson in Nora Ephron's story of a foundering marriage: good surface detail, smart performances.
Plaza (01-437 1234).

JAZZ

GEORGE COLEMAN: Now an old master of the tenor saxophone, Coleman plays the hard-bop formulae with extraordinary freshness.
Tonight and Mon-Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747)

HUMPHREY LYTTELTON: Still the country's finest mainstream jazz band.
Tonight, Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722); Tues, Bull's Head, Barnes Bridge, London SW13 (01-876 5241)

TOMMY SMITH: Precocious Scottish saxophonist, currently a member of Gary Burton's group, makes a rare London appearance.
Tomorrow, 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933)

JULIAN ARGUELLES & MARTIN SPEAKE: These two saxophonists are among the brightest stars of the new British jazz generation.
Tomorrow lunchtime (free), The Monarch, 49 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 (01-485 2344)

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: *Lucia di Lammermoor* continues its run tonight and Wed at 7.30pm, with June Anderson in the title role, Dennis O'Neill as the Edgardo, and Alberto Rinaldo the Enrico.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Another varied week: tonight at 7.30pm a last chance to see the company's powerful Janáček double-bill: *Osud (Fate)* twinned with *The Diary of One who Disappeared*, with Arthur Davies, Jean Rigby and Paul Crossley. On Tues and Fri at 7pm David Pountney's controversial *Carmen*; on Wed and Jan 17 at 7pm a revival of his Tchaikovsky *Queen of Spades*, with Janice Cairns, John Treleaven and Sarah Walker; and on Thurs at 7.30pm the festive *Fledermaus*.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

OPERA NORTH: On Wed a return of *The Barber of Seveille*, and on Thurs a further performance of the Andrei Serban *Norma*; both start at 7.15pm.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Lee 's (0532 459351).

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

THE UNPAINTED LANDSCAPE: Scottish Arts Council touring exhibition showing the responses of 15 painters, sculptors and photographers to Scottish landscape, including Tom Cooper, Hamish Fulton and Andy Goldsworthy.
Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Monument Road, Ayr (0292-43708) from today.

ALAN DAVIE: Major paintings from the Fifties by a painter who derives inspiration from sources as varied as jazz and arcane myths.
Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2488) from Mon.

LOOKING INTO PAINTINGS: Examining the narrative element from the Renaissance to the present.
Castle Museum and Art Gallery, Nottingham (0602-411881) from today.

MODERN BRITISH ABROAD: Mixed show of pictures describing the continued fascination of British artists for warmer countries, in the Grand Tour tradition.
Sally Hunter and Patrick Seale Fine Art, 2 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 0934) from Tues.

ARTISTS ON THE NILE: Prints by Orientalist artists who recorded the archaeology of ancient Egypt between 1750 and 1870.
Schuster Gallery, 14 Maddox Street, London W1 (01-491 2208) from Tues.

SELECTED

DEXTER DALWOOD: Sultry, atmospheric oils done in India by an artist who left college last year. An impressive debut.
Paton Gallery, 2 Langley Court, London WC2 (01-379 7854).

EYE FOR INDUSTRY: A review of major British designers from 1936-1986 which brings together bus stops and haute couture.
Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-589 6371).

FILMS ON TV

OLIVER TWIST (1948): David Lean's beautifully crafted film, still the best screen Dickens. With John Howard Davies (now a television producer) as the young hero and Alec Guinness in his first big film role as Fagin.
Channel 4, today, 2.55-5.05pm.

TRACKS (1976): Reverberations of the Vietnam war as veteran Dennis Hopper cracks up on a train journey while escorting the coffin of a fellow soldier. Directed by Henry Jaglom.
Channel 4, Wed, 10-11.45pm.

LITTLE BIG MAN (1970): Dustin Hoffman as the 121-year-old survivor of Custer's Last Stand in Arthur Penn's disenchanted look at the myths and realities of the old West. With Faye Dunaway.
BBC1, Fri, 10.20pm-12.35am.



● **Kris Kristofferson and Isabelle Huppert in Michael Cimino's sprawling Western, *Heaven's Gate*. Costing $36 million, it was released in 1980, savaged by the critics and a box-office disaster. Cut by 70 minutes, it failed again. Now back in its complete version, and showing on British television for the first time, it is ripe for reappraisal. BBC2, today, 9.55pm-1.35am.**

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Postal booking opens today for *Ariadne auf Naxos*; and Royal Ballet in new production of *Swan Lake* in production by Antony Dowell, design by Yolanda Sonnabend. March-April.
Personal/phone booking from Feb 2. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

HIGH SOCIETY: Booking for the stage premiere of the Cole Porter musical with Trevor Eve, Stephen Rea, Natasha Richardson, and Angela Richards. Victoria Palace Theatre, from Feb 25 (previews from Feb 12).
First Call, PO Box 92, London WC2 (01-240 7200). Box office open from Mon.

LAST CHANCE

STAGING THE SELF: Exhibition of self-portrait photography from 1840s to 1980s, with 200 images. Ends tomorrow.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552).

EDWARD WOLFE: First major exhibition of paintings and drawings since the artist's death in 1982. Ends today, 10am-1pm.
Odette Gilbert Gallery, 5 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 3175).

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Bookings: Anne Whitehouse; Concerts: Max Harrison; Dance: John Percival; Films: Geoff Brown; Films on TV: Peter Waymark; Galleries: David Lee; Jazz: Richard Williams; Opera: Hilary Finch; Photography: Michael Young; Radio and Television: Peter Waymark; Rock: David Sinclair; Theatre: Tony Patrick and Jeremy Kingston



Then and now: Malcolm McDowell and Lindsay Anderson in 1968 filming *If*... and this week in rehearsal for *Holiday*

The friendly collaborators

For someone so deeply committed to British cinema and theatre, Lindsay Anderson's latest ventures may seem surprising. He has just made his first American film, shot in Maine with those mythic Hollywood names, Lillian Gish and Bette Davis. Now he is back in London directing his first American play.

The film is *The Whales of August*, which charts 24 hours in the relationship between two elderly sisters. Anderson calls it "an elegiac piece", which he has dedicated to his two splendid old actresses. During shooting Lillian Gish announced she was celebrating her 87th birthday but she is probably over 90.

The Whales of August features other screen veterans in Ann Southern and Vincent Price. Despite the American cast and setting, Anderson sees the film as being European, rather than Hollywood, in style. "It corresponds to my idea of Free Cinema" — the movement he helped to pioneer in the 1950s — "which is to say that it makes no concessions to commercialism or the expected".

As always, Anderson gathered round him a group of trusted collaborators. The cameraman was Mike Fash, who shot Anderson's last picture, the controversial *Britannia Hospital*. Alan Price, from *O Lucky Man!*, is doing the music. And there is a part for Frank Grimes, the Irish actor, who is now working with Anderson for the 14th time.

This is on *Holiday*, a play by Philip Barry who is best known for *The Philadelphia Story*, musicalized as *High Society*. *Holiday* was filmed in the 1930s with Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn. Anderson's cast is headed by Malcolm McDowell, Mary Steenburgen and Cherie Lunghi.

McDowell and Anderson first worked together nearly 20 years ago on the film, *If*... There have been several films and plays since. Grimes, who was Anderson's Hamlet, and Steenburgen had supporting roles in *The Whales of August*. "Working among friends is the only tolerable way of doing it," says Anderson, "you must have friendly people around you". He adds: "Talented people".

This is the first time *Holiday*, written in the 1920s, has been performed in Britain. Anderson describes it as a "play of charm and social grace, tinged with irony and humour. It may be boulevard comedy but it has depths of ideas and characterization which takes it beyond the superficial."

Lunghi and Steenburgen play the daughters of a wealthy New York banker. McDowell is the free spirited charmer who gets engaged to one sister only to realize that his true affections lie with the other. In real life Mary Steenburgen is Mrs McDowell.

No one pretends that Anderson is easy to work with, but he keeps his friends. Irascible individualist is not a bad description, one that Anderson himself applied to a much cherished former colleague, the late Arthur Lowe. Frank Grimes, who calls Anderson "maestro", admits he is authoritarian. "But he has a razor-sharp intellect and an intuitive understanding of an actor's problems, and that is very rare."

Peter Waymark

Holiday opens at the Old Vic (01-928 7616) on Wednesday.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

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Sunday 11 Jan 2.30 pm — POPULAR CLASSICS. London Concert Orchestra Barry Wordsworth (cond) Alan Gowell (oboe) Programme includes Handel Water Music Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 2 Grieg Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 Borodin Polovtsian Dances (Prince Igor) £4 £5 £6.50 £8 £9.50 £10.50 £11.50. Raymond Gubbay Ltd

Tuesday 20 Jan 7.30 pm — LONDON PHILHARMONIC. Christoph Eschenbach (conductor) Tasmin Little (violin) Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2 Symphony No. 2 £2 £3.50 £4.50 £7.50 £12.50. LPO Ltd

Thursday 22 Jan 7.30 pm — LONDON PHILHARMONIC Christoph Eschenbach (conductor) Wagner Parsifal and Liebestod Tristan and Isolde Sorabji Piano Concerto (world premiere) Ravel Daphnis and Chloe Suite No. 2 La valse Bolero. LPO Ltd

Friday 23 Jan 7.30 pm — BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Rudolf Barshai (conductor) Barry Griswold (violin) Rudi Lenker (piano) Mozart Violin Concerto in A K.219 Shostakovich Symphony No. 5 £2.50 £3.75 £5 £6.50 £7.50 £8.50. Western Orchestral Society Ltd

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Saturday 10 Jan 7.30 pm — HANDEL'S MESSIAH London Orpheus Choir and Orchestra James Gaddarn (conductor) Jacqueline Riquelle (piano) Christopher Keveren-Jones (tenor) Neil Archer (bass) Alan Frank (piano) Leslie Pearson (harpsichord) John Birch (organ) Handel's Messiah in its entirety, edited by Basil Lam. Returns only. London Orpheus Choir

Sunday 11 Jan 7.15 pm — SWEDISH AND THE CLASSICAL ERA Pascal Orchestra Robin Wyatt (conductor) Michael Collins (clarinet-basset horn) Kraus Olympic Haydn Symphony No. 49 (La passione) Gluck Overture, Iphigenie en Aulide Mozart Clarinet Concerto, K.622 Kraus Symphony in C major. £3.50 £4.50 £5.50 £6.50. Pascall Orchestra

Tuesday 13 Jan 1.10 pm — FROM RUSSIA WITH LUNCH Gulbenkian Strings Ensemble Glenn de Florence £2.50 (reserved) Inclusive lunchtime package £5.25 Info 01-908 3002 The South Bank Board/Classic Concert Agency Ltd

Tuesday 13 Jan 7.45 pm — ENDYMION ENSEMBLE Janet Weisbrod (cond) Spasmodic Symphony (world premiere) Kraus Orint: Dumbarton Oaks, Symphonies of Wind Instruments (1920),

SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Cinders track

Are sportsmen welcome to act in pantomime? Oh yes they are, say promoters. Oh no they're not, say actors. Geoff Capes, the former Olympic shot-putter, and Duncan Goodhew, the rather less hirsute former Olympic swimmer, have both been in panto this season. A spokesman for the Variety Entertainers Union said: "This is a time for charity and goodwill, but these personalities are taking work from entertainers and Equity (the actors' union) is giving them cards to perform." A letter to *The Stage* newspaper asked: "Don't they make enough money out of sponsorship and advertising without taking the work away from actors and performers?"

But if you have been on the telly, in any capacity, you are likely to be fancied as an asset to any pantomime. First fill your house is the promoters' motto; worry about the performers' abilities later. Capes, incidentally, was turned down three times by Equity before finally breaking through. He has been appearing in *Dick Whittington* in Reading, a show which has a strong-man act. "I can't think of many performers who could replace him in that role," said a rather icy spokesman for the great actor.

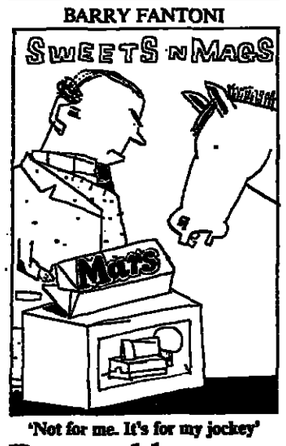
Dragon killers

Caernafon Town of the Multipart League step out today against Barnsley of the Second Division in the third round of the FA Cup determined to do Wales proud. Actually, though, all the players bar one who play for this stronghold of Welsh nationalism are English, mostly from Merseyside and Chester. They even train in Chester. In fact they only go to Caernafon every now and then to play matches. It is Glyn Griffiths, the token Welshman, and only Welshman available for today's match, who is the odd man out.

Togging up

Now is the time for off-season bargains in cricket gear. David Gower trousers are now only £10.95, but you can't get Mike Gatting trousers for less than £13.95. More material needed, no doubt. It is sad to see that there is no longer any sign of my favourite advertising slogan of all time: "Attack with Botham trousers." On that very subject, here is a perfect late Christmas present for Ian Botham. It is a video nasty, advertised in *Shooting and Conservation* magazine. It contains material on rifles, bullets, shooting styles, and (ugh!) the grailoch. Its title is *Roebuck Stalking*.

BARRY FANTONI



'Not for me. It's for my jockey'

Bye and bye

To hit a six is glorious, but to concede six byes in one ball is almost unique. The famous occasion when Charles Kortright bowled a ball that bounced in front of the batsman, took wing and cleared the boundary, thus prompting the umpire to signal six byes, was mentioned in a recent piece on the sports pages, and prompted a letter from Lawrence Pearse, chairman of Cheltenham Civil Service Cricket Club. In the glorious drought summer of '76, one of his own bowlers managed the same feat. But the umpire only signalled four byes. Being the wicketkeeper, Pearse was upset. He wanted six byes signalled – so that all those who saw the score book would understand that it could not *possibly* have been the wicketkeeper's fault. I have been to Lord's for a ruling and have to tell Mr Pearse and wicketkeepers everywhere that Kortright's umpire was wrong. You cannot have six byes, *not even* if you bowled a beamer straight to the sidescreen. The crucial point is in Law 19.2 "... and six runs for all *hits* pitching over and clear of the boundary ...".

Kiwi nest egg

This column has pointed its readers at a number of good investments in the past – the winners of the Derby and the National for a start. Here is another: Auckland. A place, not a horse. New Zealand are now increasingly warm favourites to win the America's Cup, and victory would make Auckland the site for the 1991 event. Fremantle, site of the current series, has become a boom town since the America's Cup nonsense began there. With the unexpected and dramatic success of the New Zealand boat, shrewd gamblers are sizing up Auckland: property values are already beginning to climb, and now is the time to plunge.

Evil: the kneejerk reaction

by Antony Flew

In his much discussed article "The Problem of Judging Evil" (this page, December 17) Wilfred Beckerman argued that, if we are "entirely the products our our genetic endowment and our environmental experience, then the future would be entirely determined." Contending that we are, and it is, he went on to conclude that bad people are no more to be condemned than bad apples. Neither people nor apples have any real choice between alternative futures. No one can ever do other than what they actually do.

Several correspondents protested that this paradoxical and demoralizing conclusion is both false and impossible to maintain consistently. But these, though necessary first steps, are not sufficient. We also need to make one or two crucial distinctions and to clear up a few of the common confusions.

Consider, first, the basic claim that some combination of genetic and environmental factors causes me to be or to do whatever I am or I do. Only if all causes are necessitating – if, that is, they render a necessary result – will it follow that my future must be inescapably predetermined. But they do not. Certainly it is true that, in cases like the total cause of an eclipse, of an explosion or of any event other than a human action, then the effect will inevitably follow: there is now nothing that anyone can do to prevent it.

But this is precisely *not* the case with the causes of those events which are human actions. Suppose that, by bearing splendid news, I give you cause to celebrate. Then I do not thereby make you celebrate, willy nilly. Instead I do something which you yourself may or may not choose to make your reason for having a party.

This distinction between two fundamentally different kinds of cause, and its corollary distinction between two equally different sorts of determination, are of ultimate importance. The most relevant implications in the present context concern the findings of the social sciences. For the world of the natural sciences knows nothing of any but necessitating causes. But when social scientists report that this (e.g. poverty) is the environmental cause of blue collar crime or that that (e.g. vandalism) is the lamentable behavioural result of design faults in public housing, then the causes which they think they have discovered are not similarly necessitating.

Although both sociological laymen and the sociologists themselves are apt to believe that conditions have made it impossible for the agents to behave in any other (non-delinquent) way, that is not so. Usually the truth is that the causes actually discovered are the environmental conditions which make it tempting to them to act in the disfavoured ways in which most of them do act, and hence perhaps measurably likely that they will act so.

Against this Professor Beckerman might object that, while we may constantly be making choices that are not dictated by anybody (or indeed any thing) "outside us", still that "does not mean we are not free in the sense of not being the slaves of what is inside us." Although Professor Beckerman is by profession an economist, this contention is typically, not to say pathologically, philosophical. For his claim is that even in cases which might serve as textbook examples of what is meant by choosing between open alternatives, still we necessarily cannot do other than what in fact we do. To refute such a philosophical paradox we have to resort to what Beckerman may perhaps want to dismiss as "a smokescreen of technical sophistry."

No one could even understand what is meant by contrasting necessitated with chosen behaviour unless they had themselves had abundant experience of both. It is, therefore, paradoxical to the point of incoherence to suggest *either* that all behaviour is necessitated *or* that all behaviour is chosen.

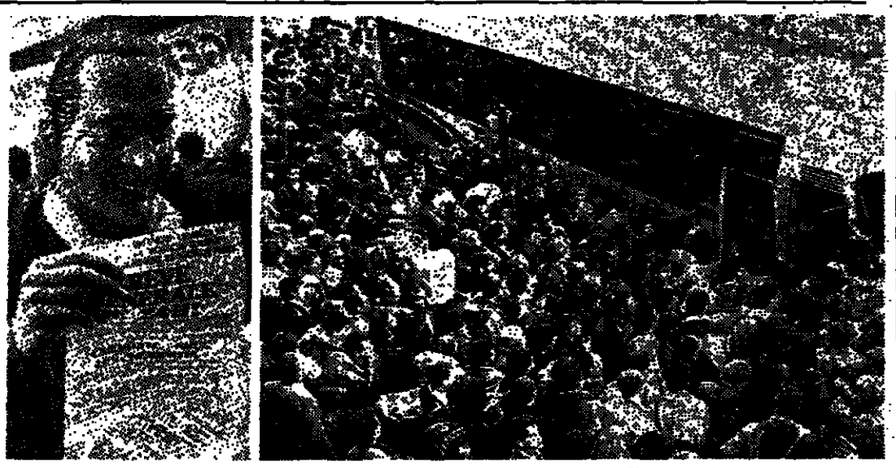
To enforce this salutary conclusion we need to develop a distinction between two sorts of bodily movements: those which we can make or not make at will; and those which occur however hard we try to prevent their occurrence. Let us call the first, chosen sort "movings" and the second, necessitated kind "motions." Let us allow too that, though there are many movements which we might hesitate to allocate to their category, there are far, far more which are either unequivocally movings or unequivocally motions.

It now becomes clearly out of the question to go on insisting that all our movements are – even really, or ultimately, or in the last analysis – necessitated motions. What is it for outcomes to be ineluctably necessitated if not that no one can prevent them by any means? Yet, by definition, this is not true of those many bodily movements which are movings.

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William Greaves goes out and about as the temperature falls and tempers rise



A railway worker wearing a Chirac mask distributes tracts calling for intensification of the strike. Right, if the trains aren't running you go by bus – if you can

Strikes start to bite an angry Paris

Paris

For a nation which goes to work on a croissant, the icy tentacles of a miserable, strike-bound winter have at last extended far enough to throttle the very life and soul of France. Unpredictable and unannounced power cuts are switching off ovens in which the day's bread is just approaching the stage when Gallic fingers raised to pursed lips pronounce it "just so."

Small wonder that the bakers have launched an eloquent complaint to the government, to Electricité de France (EDF) and to anyone else who will listen. And even smaller wonder that the surprisingly philosophical response of a people not famous for reserve in adversity seems on the point of snapping.

Ever since the three-week-old rail strike began to bite, Paris's Peripherique ringroad has jammed to a standstill twice daily and some university students have risen as early as 5 am to walk to their college courses in the longest transport strike since 1968.

France came quickly to terms with these "perturbances," however; the latest information on cancelled trains and buses was on hand from the SNCF (the state-owned railway company), radio stations and the domestic "Minitel" system – a telephone-operated information screen in many French homes – and there was even a widespread understanding of the railworkers' grievances.

But when morning temperatures plummeted to below freezing this week and the strike spread to electricity workers, with a resultant daily diet of power cuts, resilience has given way to overt anger.

Returning to my hotel yesterday morning I was surprised to find the lobby brightly lit but the lifts out of operation. "Our generator works only these lights – they are to keep up appearances – but everything else has stopped," explained the apologetic concierge. "This is now intolerable because it has become political."

Behind the counter of his candle-lit printing and photocopying shop in Paris's Ninth District, Pierre Mounière looked sadly round his idle machinery and was ready enough to give me his opinion.

"*It's scandalous that public* workers can hold the rest of the working population to ransom. My journey to work from the south of Paris usually takes me three quarters of an hour by car. These last three days, since the Metro and the buses joined in with the suburban rail stoppages, it has taken me two hours in each direction.

"Even the railworkers have lost the goodwill of people because other strikers have jumped on the bandwagon. Yes, the whole situation has become political."

In a country whose people feel more and more divorced from, and disenchanted with, the manoeuvrings of government and trade union power groups, "politiser" has become the most abusive verb in the vocabulary of this industrial unrest.

In huddles on every pavement the conversation yesterday was confined to one topic. Outside St Lazare railway station two vanloads of riot police stood in watchful readiness while a crowd gathered around a bulletin board listing those trains still running under the heading "Service perturbé."

In truth, it was the smallest presence of the riot police for a very long time because even the rising volatility of frustrated passengers is less of a threat than terrorists presented during most of 1986. At least fewer passengers represented a less attractive target for the bombers.

In the Galeries Lafayette store on Boulevard Haussmann, which was without electricity throughout yesterday morning, customers and staff shivered because the house generator could only maintain lighting and not heating.

A woman assistant behind the belts and gloves counter complained bitterly: "They have got their problems, but we have ours as well – and we seem to be paying for theirs. With nearly three million people unemployed, this is when the French should be rolling up their sleeves and working – not going on strike."

Despite a national reputation for violent reaction to any assumed slight or inequality, as typified by the frequent burning by farmers of unacceptable foreign produce, the concept of an indefinite strike is alien to France. But the recent walk-out by merchant seamen over the threat to allow ships to operate under a flag of convenience, and thereby employ cheap labour, and the winter students' revolt – both more or less successful – has spawned a new notion that long can be beautiful. The usual formula, however, is for stoppages to be announced in advance both with a starting and finishing date.

The other great difference this time is the fact that the national rail dispute began, not with speeches from union leaders, but as a spontaneous combustion among the rank and file. That the spread of the strike is now being fanned by the union bosses is a turnabout – and one which has led to mounting public exasperation.

This exasperation was eloquently expressed yesterday by Dr Phillipe Madelin, a Paris hospital surgeon, who had just begun operating on a patient when the theatre lights went out. "I was unable to tell whether my patient was haemorrhaging or not," he said. "I went out to telephone the EDF to demand they turn on the electricity, which they did – twenty minutes later. It was the longest twenty minutes of my life."

Meanwhile the unions stand firm. A proposal by Jacques Toubon, a PRP colleague of Jacques Chirac, the prime minister, for a right-wing, anti-strike demonstration in the Champs Elysées on Monday was castigated by moderate union leader Edmond Maire. "The worst thing we can possibly do is mobilize public opinion in this way," he said. "Publicizing the situation can only lead to an impasse."

And Jean-Louis Lopez, fast becoming a national cult figure as head of a strikers' conglomerate, condemned the latest rail peace package by saying: "This is not an honourable way out except for the management – for me, the strike will continue."

None of this means that the French are not combating their difficulties with typically imaginative counter-measures.

I came across one of Paris's most favoured bakeries, Feyeux, in the Rue de Clichy, shining bright yesterday morning in the midst of gloom all around. Had they a generator of their own, I wondered. "No," said the manageress, "but we seem to have become connected with the power supply down there ..." She pointed beneath the floorboards of a shop packed with delighted customers. "Down there" was the Metro – top of the priority list of operations which must not be cut off.

Where there is a will, there is apparently still a way.

Woodrow Wyatt

Unions still untamed

The government wants to improve the 1984 Trade Union Act. This has brought some significant reforms in union election procedures but serious defects have emerged, as prophesied by its critics.

During the passage of the bill, speaking for the government in the Lords on July 13 1984, Lord Gowrie said direct postal ballots should be the norm. In the Commons on July 24 Tom King, then Employment Secretary, said the new Act had "a presumption in favour of a postal ballot". Only two major unions have switched to postal ballots.

Moreover, five important unions have defiantly rejected the provisions for secret ballots at workplaces, the alternative offered in the Act. They are the National Union of Public Employees; the National Health Service union Cohse, the National Association of Local Government Officers; the General Municipal Workers; and Tass, a key union in engineering. Irregularities have occurred in workplace ballots, as in the election for the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, in the building workers' union Ucatt, in the largest civil service union, CPSA, and in Nalgo. Theoretically a union member can complain to the Certification Officer, who has a duty under the Act to attempt to compel unions to rectify well-founded complaints. This was always going to be a farce, born of a misunderstanding by Tories of the life of a union member.

To bring one's own union to account is to invite instant victimization and vilification from the activists, usually on the far left.

A complainant's life can rapidly be made a misery. One tough and experienced trade unionist, Mr Alan Paul, complained about Nalgo's procedures to the Certification Officer. He was confronted at the Certification Office by senior officials and legal advisers from the union. He was not allowed to take part in discussions on the undertaking to be given by the union. Though the Certification Officer ruled against the union on three but not all points last September, he refused to consider breaches of the Act which occurred after the original complaint but before his final ruling.

Mr Paul's experience was daunting though partially successful. Ordinary union members could not face the mugging up of the law required, the complicated arguments, the hostility and the possibility of large legal bills. That is why there is hardly a murmur from union members to the Certification Officer about blatant breaches of the Act.

An essential major improvement is to put the onus on the Certification Officer to ensure compliance with the 1984 and subsequent Acts. He could do this by requiring each union to submit its proposals for conducting ballots, declaring any elections void if they are without the law, and requiring evidence after elections that the plans approved by the Certification Officer were in fact implemented. It is beyond ordinary union members to be law enforcement officers.

The government's naivety in supposing that postal ballots would become the norm must now be obvious even to obscurantist Department of Employment officials; if not they should read an admirable survey, to be published soon, on the workings of the 1984 Act by Mark Loveday, a barrister. Postal ballots must now be the law. Ballot papers should be sent out by and returned to an independent body for counting, as is already done by several unions. Some unions have not yet obeyed the law to keep a register of their members: there should be penalties for their failing to do so.

Ballot papers should be numbered seriatim to avoid a common practice of overprinting ballot papers and keeping no record of to whom they have been distributed, a jolly device for false voting which could be used to frustrate even postal ballots supervised by an independent body. This should be the Certification Officer or an organization approved by him.

Another dodge needing elimination is that by which an official on an executive with no vote escapes standing for election. Mr Scargill promptly had his vote removed on the NUM executive so that he could remain president for life. It is not obligatory to hold an election for the general secretary of the TGWU. He has no vote on the executive but both he and Mr Scargill have enough influence to do without one.

At present, though a member may ask to see the union accounts, he has no right to a professional adviser, such as an accountant, to help him understand them. There are numerous cases of improper spending of union money: a miner or a dustman must have the legal right to have help from a professional adviser in unravelling them. Most with university degrees are fazed by balance sheets and would not know how to identify impropriety unaided.

If previous Tory ministers unversed in union life had taken the advice of those who were, another go at making trade unions democratic could have been avoided. As it is, further action is urgently needed: a number of union leaders have not changed their rule books in the hope that there will be a Labour government which is already pledged to allow unions to return fully to their bad old ways without a nod in democracy's direction.

Michael Kinsley

Destroying your financial health

New York

Many Americans have romantic notions about Britain's National Health Service which would amuse those whose well-being depends on it. By contrast, many Britons regard the nightmarish expense of America's so-called private health care system with a fully justified horror.

In a limited but important sense, America does have socialized medicine. That is, Americans, like the British, have made a collective decision in principle that health care should be distributed on the basis of the Marxist principle "to each according to his need" rather than the capitalist principle "to each according to what he can pay." No American politician, however liberal, would say that poor people are entitled to the same quality of housing and food as people who can afford better. But no mainstream American politican, however conservative, would say publicly that the rich should get better health care than the poor (even though, in real life, they usually do).

For 22 years, since the introduction of government-financed health care for the elderly (Medicare) and for the poor (Medicaid) during Lyndon Johnson's Great Society era, the US has struggled to keep the socialist promise while also keeping faith with the gospel of private enterprise. This struggle is bankrupting us. The government now finances a quarter of all doctors' fees and an even larger share of hospital bills, under a system that until recently paid doctors and hospitals more or less whatever they wished to charge.

The government's system of purchasing health care makes the Pentagon's method of buying weapons look efficient. The inevitable result has been staggering increases in costs – for ordinary customers as well as the government. Doctors' fees increased by 8 per cent a year above inflation during the past decade, even as a doctor shortage turned into a doctor glut. The average American doctor now makes well over $100,000 a year.

In 1964 the American Medical Association (the doctors' lobby) hired an actor named Ronald Reagan to denounce the idea of Medicare as "socialized medicine." Now the AMA fights tooth and nail against any change. The latest reform proposals are sure to be among the most contentious parts of the budget which President Reagan placed before Congress this week. His own Secretary of Health, Dr Otis Bowen (the first physician to hold the job) has already denounced these modestly sensible proposals as "price controls."

Bowen's remark nicely illustrates the common Reaganite confusion between worshipping the free market and understanding it. For the largest customer of medical services to set some limit on what it will pay is not government interference in the free market. It *is* the free market in action. After all, no doctor is required to take Medicare or Medicaid patients. With these reforms, the government is finally saying, If you want our business, take our price. That's not socialism – that's capitalism.

Actually, the reforms don't even go that far. Doctors would remain free to bill Medicare patients as much as they want over and above what the government pays, as most of them do. Obviously it is the fact that the government is footing most of the bill that enables doctors to charge this premium. Once the social decision has been made that everyone should have top quality health care, the important question is not whether health care costs appear on the government or the private side of the national ledger. The challenge is to get the best possible care at the least cost.

Market forces can be an important tool, but the efficiencies of private enterprise can never fully flower in health care. Insurance – government and private – is the main reason. When someone is buying and someone else is paying, there is not much fiscal discipline. Even without insurance competition cannot work in health care as it does in textbooks. Who is going to shop around for the cheapest brain surgeon?

The solution is not to follow the NHS route, which brings its own inefficiencies. Even Senator Edward Kennedy, long the nation's leading proponent of a national health care system, has stopped talking about it in recent years.

What America needs – and Britain too, I would imagine – is the selective addition of *more* market elements into the health-care stew. But that requires a clear understanding of what, for affluent doctors, is the free market and what is social welfare.

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Mishaps on the great march east

For most people on *The Times*, 1986 was obviously the Year of Wapping. But for a few of us, as we fumble for the lights in our basement premises on the back page, it will go down as the Year of the Wrong Grid. The forced march from Gray's Inn Road at the end of January, and our sudden exposure to do-it-yourself printing, led to the first misadventure, the transposition in one puzzle of the across and down clues. Then we became more ambitious and just before April Fool's Day published puzzle No 17,005 with the wrong grid.

This is every crossword editor's nightmare or, as we tend to say in our trade, incubus. Fortunately, as it was Good Friday, we were playing to a less than full house of readers, and more than a hundred of them managed to solve the puzzle on grids of their own devising. As one correspondent wrote: "I found it a pleasant, though surprisingly tricky, exercise to manufacture the correct grid from the word lengths given in the clues, before going on to tackle the answers themselves. Why not do it deliberately – with a blank grid – now and again, as an extra test?"

I know in my bones what would happen if we tried that. The correct grid would appear. Crossword editors have enough troubles without looking for extra scope for error. Duplications, for one thing. The reader has grounds for complaint if the same clues or answers are repeated, but it is surprisingly difficult, when editing puzzles, to remember when last we fired a particular bullet, still more to find it among the heaps of expended ammunition.

Occasionally, by some malign form of ESP, two different newspaper crosswords will have the same clue and answer on the same day. Readers who have experienced this can be assured that it is simple coincidence.

Another unwanted form of duplication is when a clue proves capable of sustaining more than one answer. This is a particular hazard in the finals of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship, when competitors with a solution that does not tally with the official answer go to desperate shifts to justify it. Similarly, words with alternative spellings are better avoided unless the preferred spelling can be made clear in the clue.

There was a harmless example of this in Thursday's puzzle – "Shylock's raincoat (9)" (GABERDINE), which can also be spelt Gaberdine. No prize was at stake, and obviously either spelling would do, though in a championship final one might have argued that the former is correct because, according to the *Shorter Oxford*, the form gabardine did not appear until 1904.

There is, however, no defence against the ingenuity of our solvers. In August there appeared the clue "Boy's terribly ill, swallowing one (6)", the answer being LIONEL – anagram of ILL round ONE. But to A.G.J. Keat of Colchester it was clearly a hidden clue, "Boy's terribly" concealing the word OYSTER. "Did I fall into a well-prepared trap? If so, congratulations – it certainly spoilt my day". No, Mr Keat, dirty dogs though we are, this was a pit of your own digging.

Our readers are indeed unplacable watchdogs to all *Times journalists*. There is always someone, somewhere, to pounce on an error or omission, and the crossword, pro rata, offers more hostages to fortune than most departments. What, for example, is wrong with the clue "Half Barrie's Land (5)". (NEVER)? According to P.C. Thompson of Worcester, Barrie never used the expression "The Never-never land": "You may search in vain in the text for anything other than 'The Never land' – I know: I have so searched and lost a bet."

By almost the same post I had a card from H.A. Lidderdale of Kingston undermining the clue "It's oh so short, I hear, in Sophocles" (OMICRON). Sophocles, he points out, having learnt to write around 485 BC, would have penned a plain O indifferently for omicron or omega, since it was not until the end of the century that the distinction between the long and short O was established by Archon Euclides. "Aristotle would have been a safer bet for you", he kindly adds.

As I said earlier, why *strive* to enlarge the scope for error?

John Grant
Crossword Editor

This year's championship

● The qualifying puzzle for The Times Collins Dictionaries 1987 Crossword Championship will be published on Thursday, January 15, and an eliminator puzzle, should one be necessary, on Thursday, February 19.

There will again be six regional finals, but this time the West of England centre will be Bath instead of Bristol, and the Leeds final will precede the Glasgow.

The regional finals will be: Leeds, Queens Hotel (capacity 300 competitors), Sunday, March 1; Glasgow, Stakis Grosvenor Hotel (150), Sunday, March 15; Birmingham, Grand Hotel (250), Sunday, April 26; Bath, Ladbroke Beaufort Hotel (240), Sunday, May 17; London A, Saturday, June 6, and London B, Sunday, June 7, Park Lane Hotel (300).

The national final will be held at the Park Lane Hotel, London, on Sunday, September 6.

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MR LAWSON'S AGENDA

Any Budget has two dimensions, one economic, one political. As the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, sits down with his advisers in the library at Chevening this weekend to make an initial survey of the budgetary ground, the political dimensions will be very clear in his mind.

While he bears a heavy responsibility to his party for electoral success, it would be unwise of him to neglect the economic arguments – which, anyway, have their political side. A Budget which was seen as risky might well put new pressure on the pound, undermining the Conservatives' claim to be a safe pair of hands. Yet economic coherence has a value of its own. Mr Lawson's first Budget in 1984 was a success not only because it delivered a good many of the things which the party and its supporters wanted, but also because it seemed to be reforming the tax system in a logical and coherent way.

This year's Budget will need to play safe in a way which the first Budget of a Parliament did not. Nevertheless, where innovation is seen to be moving the country in the right direction, it will win political rewards.

Unusually, the Chancellor has already promised this year that the public sector borrowing requirement will be no higher than the 1¾ per cent of GDP set down in last year's medium term financial strategy. This precautionary pledge was necessary because of the big rise in public spending announced in November. The first question is: should it be lower than 1¾?

Since the strategy was set out last year, a number of things have changed which argue that it should. Privatization proceeds are expected to rise slightly from £4¾ billion to £5 billion. Since they provide once-for-all receipts, this extra amount should be used to cut borrowing not taxes. Oil revenues, which are also temporary, are rising again rather than beginning to fall out of sight as they were last year.

Nor is the economy noticeably short of stimulus. Credit is booming. The money supply is beginning to outrun its targets even according to the Chancellor's favoured narrow money measure. Interest rates are high and although the pound has recently shown some buoyancy following the rise in oil prices, it will be easier to bring them down if fiscal policy is tightened. A cut in interest rates would be a nice Budget bonus, not least because of the effect of lower mortgage rates on the retail price index.

If the Chancellor were to decide on a PSBR £½-1 billion lower than the 1¾ per cent of GDP currently proposed, that could still leave him some room for cutting taxes. The present improvement in the fiscal position compared with a few months ago is little short of miraculous. Taxes on spending and company profits are buoyant, and the rise in the oil price promises more North Sea revenue. City estimates of the fiscal adjustment available to the Chancellor given a PSBR of 1¾ per cent are now £2-3 billion.

How should Mr Lawson use the scope available to him? The climate for tax reform in which he approaches this Budget is significantly different from that of previous years. President Reagan's audacious reduction of income tax rates and removal of savings exemptions has demonstrated the political appeal of tax reform. It has also been followed by proposals for reform in most leading industrial countries.

One of the implications of this is that Britain's top rate of 60 per cent is beginning to look high – certainly compared with the new US Federal rate of 28 per cent. Reducing it, say to 50 per cent, would not be an easy political trick to take in election year. But the unanticipated improvement in revenues may make it possible for the Chancellor to grasp this nettle by combining it with substantial movement towards the 25p basic rate which most people expect. His recent comments suggest that he would like to do so. But any such broad-based generosity should only occur in the prudent context of reduced borrowing.

The Chancellor's most important task this year is to carry forward his attempts to improve the supply side of the economy and extend wider share ownership, of which the reform of national insurance contributions and the personal equity plan are examples. If the Government is granted another term, that will be the moment to launch a more thorough-going reform of taxation.

FAREWELL TO BURNHAM

The Burnham Committee, set up in 1919 to negotiate teachers' pay in England and Wales, gave its last performance on Wednsday night to a sceptical audience. Members of the committee went through the motions of aggreeing a pay deal which they know will never be implemented and which, for legal reasons, cannot even be formally transmitted to the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr Kenneth Baker. The deal's terms, moreover, were opposed by four of the six unions on the teachers' side and by all but the Labour-controlled local education authorities.

Even so, the employers' leader, Mr John Pearman, praised it as a "triumph for democracy" while his co-star, Mr Fred Jarvis, the leader of the National Union of Teachers and incidentally this year's chairman of the TUC, hailed it as a "victory for free collective bargaining." Yet all the agreement does is guarantee that the Government will impose its own settlement as soon as the Lords passes the Teachers Pay and Conditions Bill which has already secured the support of the Commons.

Burnham signed its own death warrant by refusing to make any concession to the Government's demands for a pay structure that would both reward good teaching and make it possible for heads to manage their schools more effectively. Significantly, the deal was opposed by both the head teachers associations. Another terminal fault was the unacceptable cost of the package. On the Government's calculations, this would amount to 50 per cent more than the £600m which it has repeatedly said is the most it is prepared to sanction.

Mr Baker's terms mean that 400,000 teachers will receive an 8.2 per cent increase backdated to January 1 and a further 8.2 per cent from October 1. By then they will have had average rises of 25 per cent over two years. Most teachers will be on a basic seven point pay scale running from £8,500 to £12,700. In addition, about half of them can expect to be promoted and receive one of five allowances ranging from £900 a year to £4,800.

Primary schoolteachers, other than heads and deputies, can thus aspire to a maximum salary of £15,500, while the ceiling for classroom teachers in secondary schools will be £17,500. Head teachers' salaries will run from £15,500 to £30,500, depending on the size of their schools. The average pay for all teachers will rise from £11,300 to £13,150.

In return, the teachers will be committed to a detailed new contract. They will have to take classes for absent colleagues, attend staff and parents' meetings outside school hours, mark homework and write reports on pupils' progress.

As most teachers acknowledge, none of these demands is excessive and the rewards are not unreasonable. If that were all Mr Baker was planning to impose once the bill is in place, there would be no need to waste sympathy on ritualistic cries of dissent. However, he also aims to strip teachers and local authorities of the last vestiges of collective bargaining.

The Bill would give him the power to settle pay for the indeterminate future by setting up an advisory committee whose members he would appoint and whose recommendations he could ignore. Even if the Secretary of State actually employed the teachers, such a measure might seem draconian.

Mr Baker's frustration is understandable. Anyone setting out to devise a wholly unworkable negotiating committee would look at Burnham and cry "genius". To give more than 50 people, who represent six unions and three local authority associations, each divided on party lines, the statutory responsibility for settling pay, while at the same time forbidding them to discuss what teachers do for that pay, *and* making it impossible for the employers' side to meet more than half the bill without government assistance, is a sure recipe for disaster, never mind farce.

So no one should shed any tears over Burnham. But if Mr Baker wants teachers speedily to accept a sensible pay and conditions package that will bring calm to troubled schools, he should consider the National Joint Council that the teachers and their employers, at last come to their senses, have proposed as the forum for future negotiations.

It would be a voluntary, rather than statutory body. It would negotiate both pay and conditions. The government would be represented on it and enjoy, through parliament, the right to veto at least the cost of its decisions. It is hard to see how 400,000 professional people can reasonably be offered less.

FOURTH LEADER

It is reported from Moscow that the late Leonid Brezhnev's collection of gold wristwatches, all in going order and mint condition, have been sold in a "commission shop" (a Russian invention, half-way between a dealer in second-hand goods and a pawnbrokers). There were 17 of them, including three Rolexes, one of them studded with diamonds, a Vacheron Constantin, a Pathek Philippe and a Baume et Mercier. The watches went like hot cakes – well, more like gold watches, actually – and netted the equivalent of £35,000.

Nothing cheap about Leonid, you see. Only we do rather wonder what he thought he was up to. That he should wear a wristwatch is only to be expected; a notoriously cautious man, he might have felt that a back-up on the other wrist would really rule out the risk of being late for an appointment – belt and braces, it's called by folk like us who can't run to a couple of thou for a timepiece.

Yes, but *seventeen*? The story put about in Moscow is that they were all given to him by the heads of government of the more affluent countries he visited during his long reign. ("What *are* we going to give Brezhnev this time?" "What about a wristwatch?" "But we gave him one on his last visit." "Give him another – a man can always use a spare watch." And thus the hoard was amassed.)

Perhaps; but we doubt it. We think Comrade B had a well-developed sense of capitalist acquisitiveness and limitless funds at his disposal, and liked watches. And, after all, there was little likelihood that some foot-in-the-door reporter from *Izvestia* would get hold of the story and splash it all over Page One. ("Gotcha!")

Perhaps you don't know the one about Brezhnev's aged mother visiting him in the Kremlin for the first time? He shows her proudly round his sumptuous apartment, the onyx desk, the gold dinner-service, the precious tapestries, the servants at his beck and call. The tour finished, she clutches him by the arm: "But Leonid," she says, "what will you do if the Communists ever get back?"

Clear off with his collection of gold watches, we should think. But the spirit of enterprise he showed has evidently caught on, for when the watches went on sale there was a queue half-way down the street; who are these Muscovite millionaires with enough money to buy a gold watch, studded with diamonds, for cash? Insider traders the lot of them, we'll be bound.

And that was only Brezhnev; there are no doubt still revelations to come about Andropov and Chernenko. How many gold watches did *they* have, eh? No matter; even in the Soviet Union, it seems, the old adage holds true: if you want to know the time, ask a secret policeman.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern on IRA bomb convictions

From Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP for Richmond, Yorkshire (Conservative)

Sir, Nobody could deny the widespread concern currently being felt and expressed about the safety of the convictions in the Birmingham and Guildford bombings and Maguire explosives cases. If, after proper examination, that concern proves to be based on significant new evidence or substantially fresh considerations coming to light since the matter was last looked into in the Home Office, it would certainly be right for the Home Secretary to take action, and I have no doubt that he will do so.

But I do not believe that that examination is assisted by the factual inaccuracy in your leading article of January 8, or the suggestion of a particular form of action on the part of the Home Secretary which would be wholly inappropriate in such circumstances.

It is simply not correct to state that "the only significant evidence against the Maguire household was the retracted confessions of two of the Guildford accused". Those confessions did not in fact form any part of the prosecution's case against the Maguires at all.

If, however, some of the other factors mentioned in your article and elsewhere do lead, as may well be the case, to some intervention on the part of the Home Secretary, the right course to adopt would be for him to refer the case or cases in question to the Court of Appeal, and not to recommend a free pardon, as is suggested in your editorial. He would need to be actually convinced of a person's innocence to recommend a free pardon.

It would be quite extraordinary, after the extensive judicial consideration that these cases have already had, including consideration by the Court of Appeal, for the Home Secretary to feel able to conclude now himself that any of the defendants was actually innocent. But it would be perfectly normal and right for him in such circumstances to refer the matter to the Court of Appeal.

Yours faithfully,
LEON BRITTAN,
House of Commons.
January 9.

From Mr Robert Kee

Sir, Your timely leader, "A question of justice" (January 8) on the likelihood of an appalling miscarriage of justice having taken place in the aftermath of the appalling Guildford and Birmingham bombings of 1974, suggests the royal pardon as an appropriate remedy.

The difficulty with a free pardon under the royal prerogative is that the term literally implies guilt which has been forgiven. All 17 people in these cases (of whom 10 are still in prison) have insisted on their total innocence.

The Government, in reply to the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee in 1983, conceded that in fact the term royal pardon was generally understood to imply the defendant's innocence and in the light of this anomaly invited public opinion to express itself on the question of a suitable alternative. In the meantime it promised to give further thought to the matter on its own account "when a suitable opportunity for legislation arises."

This may then be the moment for your readers to help the Government recognise that such an opportunity has arisen. Some term connoting the annulment, cancellation or revocation of a conviction is required. A royal apology perhaps?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT KEE,
82 Camberwell Grove, SE5.
January 8.

Aids and blood donors

From Professor J. E. Banatvala and others

Sir, We are pleased to read in *The Times* (report, January 8) that the British Medical Association have now retracted their recommendation that persons who have had recent casual heterosexual relationships should not give blood. However, despite this retraction, people will inevitably experience considerable anxiety about the prospect of either giving or receiving blood.

Although we feel strongly that casual sex must be discouraged from now on, we must point out that as yet heterosexual spread of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) has not been demonstrated in the general community in this country. Surveillance programmes are of critical importance in determining if, when and how much HIV infection is spread heterosexually.

Currently there is barely sufficient blood to meet demands; indeed at this hospital we often have to supplement supplies with staff donations to meet routine demands. The BMA's recommendations, even in their revised form, will undoubtedly cause grave and unnecessary anxiety among blood donors who would scarcely regard themselves as promiscuous and also endanger lives by reducing blood supplies even further.

About 20 per million blood donors have antibodies to HIV. Those who have the virus in the blood but have not developed antibodies represent an even smaller proportion, say 0.4 per million.

All medical and surgical procedures carry some risk, but the danger of infection with HIV following transfusion of screened blood is extremely remote, being less than 1 per cent of the risk of death from a routine general anaesthetic. In the future, tests to detect parts of the virus itself may well be available and make blood transfusion even safer.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. BANATVALA,
C. S. BRADBEER, JAN WELCH,
R. N. THIN, J. BARROW,
St Thomas' Hospital & Medical School,
Departments of Virology and Genito-Urinary Medicine,
London, SE1.
January 8.

Gains for Latin

From Dr P. V. Jones

Sir, In his plea for Latin in inner-city schools (report, January 5) Mr George Walden is clearly drawing our attention to the astonishing results of the American Foreign Languages in Elementary Schools Program (FLES) of the late seventies, the result of which has been a dramatic growth in demand for Latin teaching in the USA and hectic re-training of teachers.

Briefly, the FLES programme offered a new style of Latin course, designed primarily for children in inner-urban areas, which combined basic Latin with the etymology of classically based English vocabulary.

The results from Indianapolis, reported in *American Education* for June, 1978, showed that in *five months the experimental group* made the following gains over the control group: eight months in word knowledge; one year in reading; one year and one month in language; four months in spelling; seven months in maths *computation*; *eight months* in maths concept; nine months in maths problem-solving; five months in science; seven months in social science.

The results were duplicated in varying degrees in nine other testing centres across the USA.

If a suitably adapted version of the American course can be produced over here – and we are working on it at the moment in Newcastle – the results across the curriculum for children of all abilities may be equally as dramatic. There may also be important implications for Mr *Kenneth Baker's initiative in English.*

Yours etc,
PETER V. JONES,
The University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Classics,
The University,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Rabbit warrens

From Mr H. S. Otter

Sir, Strange that the authors who burrowed through the dim ecological labyrinths of centuries to trace the history of *The Rabbit Warren of West Dean*, and also presumably your review (December 29), should be baffled by a small etymological side-issue: "How did warrens get their name?"

Ferreting no further than the *Shorter*, or even the *Concise, OED* would have put them on the track. The Normans appear to have introduced the warren with the rabbits. The word relates to the Old French *garenne* = game-park, land enclosed for breeding game. (The g/w variation occurs in a number of words of Germanic origin, e.g., Guillaume/William himself, *guichet*/wicket, *garien*/warden, *guerre*/war, *gage*/wage, *guêpe*/wasp, etc.

As the assumption "that the word comes from the Earl de Warenne who came over with William the Conqueror" – the boot is almost certainly on the other foot. There was something of a promotion explosion after William's successful cross-Channel raid. The man may have given up rabbit-farming for a bit of loot overseas and then settled down in his old trade, adopting the powerful particle to help him rule the roost; a sort of gamekeeper turned poacher turned gamekeeper.

He probably just came from one of the many places in France with similar names.

Yours faithfully,
H. S. OTTER,
79 Gilbert Road,
Cambridge.
December 31.

Reform of honours

From Miss Diana Condell

Sir, In his letter to you (January 8), Mr George Clark stated that the award of the George Cross or George Medal is, in part, dependent upon the military rank or social status of the individual concerned.

This is entirely incorrect. Firstly, the GC and GM are not two grades of the same award, as Mr Clark implies; they are quite separate honours. Secondly, the George Cross and George Medal are bestowed without any regard to the rank or status of the individual.

I think that few would disagree that some reform is necessary to the honours system, particularly regarding appointments to the various grades of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; however, this is a quite separate matter from awards made for personal gallantry.

Yours faithfully,
DIANA CONDELL,
Department of Exhibits and Firearms,
Imperial War Museum,
Lambeth Road, SE1.

Middle ground for electors

From Dr A. R. Ludlow

Sir, I was interested to learn from your leader (January 1) that the post-war consensus in British politics was destroyed by the shift to the left in the unions and the constituency Labour parties. That is being economical with the truth. The consensus appears to have been destroyed because Mrs Thatcher has herself rejected consensus politics and the leadership of the Conservative Party is drawn from its right wing.

But opinion polls on separate issues show that the consensus remains alive and well. There is a consensus that trades union reform was necessary; there is a *consensus against purchasing Trident.* There is a consensus that we need a limited nuclear deterrent, but also that we should strive towards genuine negotiated disarmament. There is a consensus that the proceeds of North Sea oil should be, and should have been, wisely spent in reconstructing our industry and infrastructure.

There is a consensus that unemployment is a great withering evil, especially now that long-term unemployment stands at 4.9 per cent compared with a peak of 3.3 per cent in 1933. There is a consensus that local government and the health service should be efficient, but also that they should provide services for the sick, weak and poor.

The problem is that neither the Conservative nor Labour parties embrace the whole of this consensus. And that is made worse because the spirit of co-operation, which Lord Stockton recalled, has vanished.

There is no doubt in my mind that the electors want that spirit of co-operation restored, nor is there any doubt that they want the consensus implemented, and that is exactly what will happen if a balanced Parliament is forced to negotiate an agreed consensus programme, as happens in most of the prosperous European countries.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. LUDLOW,
128 Hermitage Woods Crescent,
Woking, Surrey.

Tilting at Rugby

From the Headmaster of Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham

Sir, I enjoyed Paul Martin's racy piece (December 30) about team sports in schools. But what are we schoolmasters to make of the planned "big rescue act for Rugby" whose instigator your correspondent compares to the charging Quixote?

A serious analysis of the supposed decline of Rugby must banish side issues like the teachers' dispute to the replacements' bench and answer a more fundamental question: how effectively does the modern game contribute to the educational aims of our schools?

My own school tries, quite typically, to nurture self-reliance of body, mind and spirit, and to foster respect for the ideals of service, democratic values and the rule of law. Well, at best Rugby can teach the importance of teamwork and tolerance, of self-discipline and sheer hard slog in healthy competition. So the game will continue to exist in many schools, including mine.

When I read, however, that boys at the first international Rugby clinic, coached in the so-called *blitzkrieg* style, on being asked whether they were going to win, "roared back 'Yeh, yeh, yeh with clenched-fist salutes", I do begin to wonder. Perhaps those of us who care about Rugby should examine our own eyes for beams, lest we mistake the target.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BARNES, Headmaster,
Pate's Grammar School,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
December 30.

On a high note

From Mr Malcolm Hubble

Sir, Aled Jones retiring at 16 (report, January 6). Not, is this is a record, but surely, this is a record.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM HUBBLE,
Boy Chorister (retired),
70 High Beeches,
Banstead, Surrey.
January 6.

Saying it in style

From Mr Ray Sparkes

Sir, Dr R. T. Donald's predicament (January 2) in finding the correct mode of address to firms having a woman partner could well be resolved by using the time-honoured "Ladies and Gentlemen".

It is correct, formal and complimentary.

Yours faithfully,
RAY SPARKES,
23 Inmans Lane,
Sheet,
Petersfield, Hampshire.

From Mr J. C. Greig

Sir, My advice to Dr Donald is to get to know his accountants well enough to address them by name.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. GREIG,
Ivy Dene,
Over Haddon,
Bakewell, Derbyshire.

From Mr R. W. L. I. Watts

Sir, Dr R. T. Donald, of Aberdeen, need have no doubts or scruples in addressing his accountants as "Dear Sirs". Apart from his – and all our – duty to suppress discriminatory silliness (chairperson, etc), that excellent Edinburgh dictionary (Chambers) records that "Sirs" was used in Scotland in addressing persons of either sex. After all, the origin of the word is "senior", a Latin adjective and common noun.

As for the prefix "Dear", it seems not wholly inappropriate when applied, in one of its senses, to one's accountants.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. L. I. WATTS,
3 Palmer Court,
Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

False scent

From Dr John Trowell

Sir, The Rev Canon Christopher Atkinson (January 5) wonders why a Yemeni woman should have given his wife a bottle of after-shave lotion as a Christmas present. I find computers can make a similar mistake.

My 15-year-old daughter wanted to be sent a dress catalogue. As she was under-age she applied for this in my name, and in due course I had a standard letter that began:

Are you like me? Do you think modern dresses are hideous? And when you see one, do you say to yourself, "I wouldn't be seen dead walking round Sawbridgeworth in a garment like that"?

Yours etc,
JOHN TROWELL,
3 Sayes Gardens,
Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 10 1921

ISHMAELITES OF THE PUNJAB.

INDIAN SALVATION ARMIES.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Sixty years ago Government recognized that the existence of a class whose activities are avowedly predatory was a slur upon progress... Praiseworthy work has been done in particular areas, and restrictions have been placed on the movements of particular tribes. But it was only in 1913-14 that measures were concerted striking at the root of the evil, and Government committed itself to a general policy and a definite scheme...

One gains an idea of the basic type of the criminal tribes from the incorrigibles of the reformatory. Here one may be shown groups of Tagus, the seed of excommunicated Brahmins, expert pickpockets and train thieves, who haunt fairs and marriage ceremonies; or Pakhiawaras, a manlier race of thieves, who slither on their bellies through the standing corn to the villages they have marked for attack. And one will meet Harnis, adepts in disguise; Baluchi cattle-lifters; pilfering Baurias, ostensibly grass-cutters and hawkers of fuel; or Bhats, who pose as mendicant fakirs and add nothing to the good repute of the religious sects whose insignia they appropriate.

CLEVER WOMEN ASSOCIATES.

The most notorious and characteristic tribe is the Sansi, who has inherited the collective guile of the Harnis, Baurias, and others, many of whom are believed to be his kin. If one knew the heart of the Sansi, one would be wise in the ways of all. The origin of the tribe is obscure. They have evolved many dialects and no religion, beyond the worship of the spirit of the ancestors whose shame it was to beget them. Snake-charmers, cuppers, bear and monkey leaders, jugglers, basket-makers, leeches, acrobats, dancers, carriers, cattle dealers are among their ostensible occupations, but they are all thieves and wanderers from their birth...

Degraded as they may be, the Sansis are among the aristocrats of the settlement. If any stock have more reason to be proud, it is the Nur Mahram Baluchis, who hail from Lyallpur and Jhang. These are cultivators and cattle-lifters, as distinct from the others as the border thief from the prowling pick-pocket. A number of them were actually enlisted during the war, though, owing to habits of hereditary indiscipline, with no good effect. Yet they have pride, and are no ordinary thieves. A cattle-lifter of Jhang almost assaulted the gaol superintendent who associated him with a gang of suspects in some case of petty theft.

"You are a thief," the gaoler said, "a convicted thief. Why protest so loudly? It is a difference only in the degree of shame."

"I have lifted cattle," the Baluchi retorted, his eyes on fire with rage, "and I am proud of it. But you charge me with pilfering clothes. An infamous disgrace. I would as soon permit it to be said that I had been beaten with shoes."...

The Kuchbands, spare creatures of a shiny ashen blackness, dispute with the Gandhilas eminence in the category of the unwashed. Loudly do they declaim against the devitalizing effects of the new life. For the first few weeks they lose weight. They will die, they say, if they are denied their carrion, their dead crows and snakes. They fear and abhor a roof, the symbol of exclusion from the old, wandering, open-air, tented life, and they protest that if they drink milk the curse of Devi will fall upon their heads...

We have painted the gloomier side of the process of reclamation, but it must be remembered that the inmates of the reformatory, as they prove amenable to discipline, are drafted into other agricultural or *industrial settlements*, where the degree of restraint is relaxed. There are 27 of these in all. Nine of them are staffed by Government officials; the others are in the charge of different philanthropic societies. Splendid work has been done by the Salvation Army, who are the pioneers of reclamation among the criminal tribes. Hindu, Sikh, and Mahomedan societies have followed suit. The result is a new type of criminal tribesman, who feels that he has a niche in the cosmos...

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 9: Mr Robert Fellowes had the honour of being received by the Queen this evening when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Companion of the Civil Division of the Order of the Bath.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General Royal Marines, was represented by Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Wilkins, Commandant General Royal Marines, at the Memorial Service for Major-General Sir Robert Pigot, Bt, which was held in Holy Trinity Church, Cowes, Isle of Wight today.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Royal Surgical Aid Society, will attend a meeting at 47 Great Russell Street, WC1, on February 26.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr David Penhaligon, MP, will be held in Truro Cathedral today at 2 pm.

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Walter Bodmer, 51; Mr Justin Evans, 84; Sir Arthur Gold, 70; Mr Sidney Griller, 76; Mr Derek Hammond-Stroud, 58; Mr T.E. Hutton, 66; Sir Robert Marshall, 67; Mr Roy Moore, 79; Mr Anton Rodgers, 54; Mr Rod Stewart, 42.

TOMORROW: The Right Rev J.A. Baker, 59; Mr Alan Bowness, 59; Mr Henry Cecil, 44; Mr Neville Duke, 65; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, 75; Lord Jacques, 82; Mr Alastair Morton, 49; Sir Anthony Nutting, 67; Mr Alan Paton, 84; Mr J. Rashleigh Belcher, 70; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Rogers, 59; Mr Arthur Scargill, 49; Air Commodore Joy Tamblin, 61; Mr R.C. Tress, 72.

Funeral

The Dowager Viscountess Colville of Culross

The funeral of the Dowager Viscountess Colville of Culross took place on Monday at Bervie Parish Church, Kincardinshire, Scotland. The Rev Connie Philp, parish minister, Canon Idris Jones, and the Bishop of Brechin officiated. The lesson was read by Lord Carrington and an epilogue was read by the Viscount of Arbuthnott. Those present included:

Viscount and Viscountess Colville of Culross and the Hon Anthony and Mrs Colville (sons and daughters-in-law the Hon Angus Colville (son), the Master of Colville, the Hon James Colville, the Hon Geordie Colville, the Hon Edmund Colville, Quintin Colville and Alexander Colville (grandsons), Mrs Graham Bewley (niece) and the Hon Rupert Carington.

June Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, the Earl and Countess of Kintore, Dorothy Viscountess of Arbuthnott, the Viscountess of Arbuthnott, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, the Master of Arbuthnott and the Hon Mrs Arbuthnott, Mrs Hew Blair-Imrie, Mr and Mrs Bruce-Gardyne, Mrs John Fremantle, Mrs G.D.M. Reid (Scottish Chief Commissioner, Girl Guides Association), Mr Alec Main and Mr Donald Waters (Grampian Television), Mr Alastair Henry (Scottish Red Cross), representatives of RNLI, Bervie Community Council and Kincardine and Deeside District Council other representatives from the Girl Guides Association and many other friends.

Science report

Transplant drug could help psoriasis sufferers

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Encouraging results have been reported in two recent research projects into new approaches of treatment for psoriasis, the persistent skin disorder that affects 3 to 4 per cent of the population and which can cause great distress.

One of the treatments used cyclosporin, the drug which helped make human organ transplants commonplace. The other development employed a medication based on an activated form of vitamin D.

Improvements in 17 of 21 patients with psoriasis after a course of cyclosporin therapy were described in a paper published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, by doctors from the University of Michigan Medical Centre. They reported marked improvements.

Although five were clear of the condition after a four-week course of the drug, they received higher doses of the drug than doctors would be prepared to recommend for normal therapy. The patients in the Michigan study suffered side effects associated with cyclosporin, including headaches and higher blood pressure, but the conditions were not severe enough to cause the therapy to be discontinued, the report said.

But the doctors concluded that "the response that occurred in our patients raises the possibility that if a sufficiently low but effective dose with acceptable side effects can be found, cyclosporin or a drug with a similar mechanism of action may become a major advance in the treatment of severe psoriasis".

The patients in the Michigan study were given oral doses of the drug. But the researchers said it appeared that applying the drug directly to the skin "may provide therapy for mild psoriasis".

Little is known about the cause of psoriasis, so the research team hopes the the effect of cyclosporin may also help in understanding the condition. In transplant cases, the drug supresses the immune system from provoking rejection.

Hence, the researchers speculated that the cyclosporin therapy might provide clues to the condition because the drug suppressed the function of T-cells, key components of the body's immune system.

"Psoriasis may have an immunologic basis mediated by activated T-cells and/or other immune cells", the report said. While psoriasis is an inherited condition, opinions differ about whether the condition is fundamentally an immunological.

The other study, which reported on vitamin D, involved the use of a hormone that is produced by the kidneys. Its action on psoriasis involves a different mechanism to the one in the Michigan research.

Una Kroll

Challenge to a changing church

In the early days of Christianity, God asked the Jews to admit Gentiles as full members of the church. In doing so, the Jews had to abandon some of their covenant traditions, such as circumcision and not eating certain foods. Their obedience enabled Christianity to spread throughout the world.

It is my belief that God is now asking our generation to leave behind some of its formerly acceptable traditions in order to respond to the needs of people who are facing unprecedented problems and issues. Those difficulties did not exist when I was converted to Christianity more than 40 years ago, nor had they affected the lives of any of our ancestors.

No generation before ours has had to live with the threat of nuclear war hanging over it. The world we have *brought our children into is very* different from the one we were born into ourselves.

During the past 40 years we have seen an explosion in research into human fertility. We have had to learn to live with the birth-control pill, semen banks, surrogacy, "test tube" babies, embryo research, genetic engineering, and all the many implications of the Warnock report.

We have a society where children may suffer the loss of their mothers as well as their fathers. While it is true that there have always been unhappy children, few of them hitherto have had to experience the loss of their mother's care, except through death.

Today, often through no fault of either parent, many mothers have to go outside the home to work, either as well as, or increasingly often, instead of the fathers. Moreover, when families break up nowadays, it is increasingly common to find that it is the mother who has abandoned her children, leaving the father to care for them. Even 30 years ago, when I began to practise medicine, this hardly ever happened: now, I will see one or two new families every week where such tragedies have occurred.

We live in a multi-faith society. Forty years ago our prevailing culture was Christian and our established Church of England spoke to the majority of people who lived in our country, even if relatively few went to church. That is no longer true and we are now a target for missionaries coming to us from countries where Christianity is growing in strength.

Lastly, we have to find ways of living with Aids. This scourge is a challenge to our society and it is a challenge to the church.

Thus in a number of fields we have to face circumstances and difficulties which no previous generations have had to live with. The church is confronted with ethical problems it has never had to meet before. It faces pastoral difficulties in men, women, and children which are unprecedented. Moreover, it must meet these challenges in a society which is fragmented and fearful.

The church is responding to these circumstances already. It is aware of the need to find the best people it can for the tasks that lie ahead. It needs more clergy and lay leaders to help all Christians to find ways of meeting the needs of everyone in society. Yet it is having to do this at a time when its own membership is falling. Can it accomplish its mission without the potential assets it could find among women?

Women seem to be eminently well suited to meet these challenges in all these areas. The church could make good use of their intuitive and pastoral skills. The church could benefit from their insights into, for instance, family and fertility problems which particularly affect women's lives.

The church has much to learn about the way women pray, think, and work for Christ. It has relatively little experience of women as theologians, decision makers, and lay leaders, and it has no first hand experience of them as priests who are able to exercise a public ministry. So far, in all the public debates about *the ordination of women, little* attention has been paid to their symbolic role in church and society. Yet that symbolic role of women is vital to those outside the church, particularly at this time in history.

Given that the circumstances today are totally different from those which existed in previous societiies, can we any longer afford to dispense with the services of Christians in the ordained ministries simply because they are women?

When women are employed as deacons, as they will be, and, perhaps, given pastoral oversight of a community, can we afford to provide each of them with a male priest to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant? *Is* God really glorified or well served by our corporate failure to use the talents of women in the priesthood?

Might it be God's will that the Church of England should move quickly towards testing women's vocations to the priesthood, not because of expediency but because the Holy Spirit is prompting us to do so?

It is my belief that God is asking us to respond to the demands of the people of our country. The church needs women as priests not only to "proclaim the word of God, to care for God's people, and to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant" (ASB ordinal), but also to become living symbols of God in the midst of God's people.

As representatives of Christ, alongside their brother priests, they will be called to preach the Gospel, to be reconcilers and healers for hurt men, women, and children. They will be able to care for God's people in their own way.

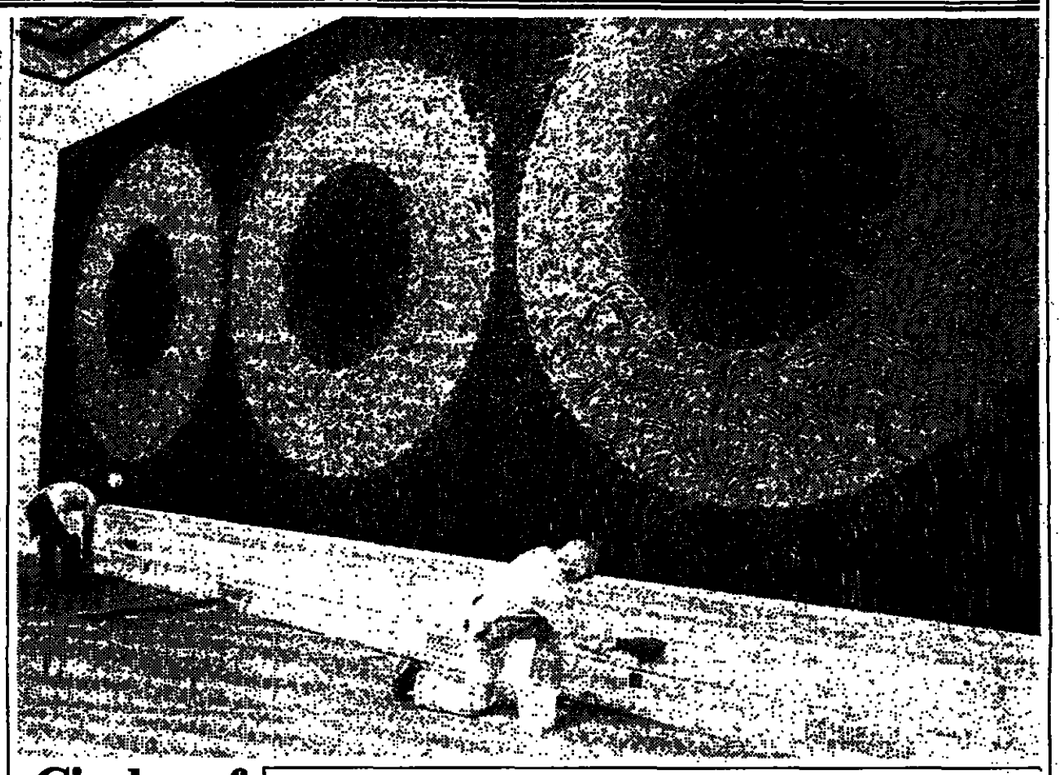
Deaconess Kroll represents the diocese of Chichester on the General Synod of the Church of England.

Ardingly College

Lent Term at Ardingly College begins on tomorrow. Alexander P. Willmott (Rhodes) is senior prefect. Art, drama and music scholarships will take place during the week commencing February 9. Sixth form academic scholarships will take place on March 3 and 13+ games awards on March 11. Junior school scholarships will take place on March 14. The orchestra and choir will give a series of concerts in France over long leave and at the Purcell Room on Sunday, March 8. The lower school's annual production, *Bugsy Malone*, will take place on March 20 and 21. The *choral society will give a performance* of Handel's *Sampson* in the chapel on Sunday, March 22.

Gresham's School

Lent Term at Gresham's School begins tomorrow. Confirmation by the Bishop of Lynn is on Sunday March 1. The choral society's performance of Haydn's *Nelson Mass* is on Sunday, March 15 at 6.30 pm. OG weekend is March 14 and 15. The scholarship examinations including those for music and art take place from February 16 to February 18. The topping out ceremony of the new girls' boarding house, Edinburgh House, was performed on Thursday, December 18 by the vice-chairman of governors. Registrations for girls of 13+ are welcome, to enter this when it is opened at the beginning of the *Michaelmas Term* 1987.



Circles of Avon mud

Staff at the Royal Academy in London clean carefully round Richard Long's Water Circles 1987, created out of mud from the River Avon, in preparartion for the opening on January 15 of the exhibtion, British Art in the Twentieth Century.

The academy says the exhibition, which includes 300 works by 70 artists, sets out to to challenge the stereotyped view of the shortcomings of British art in this century.

(Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Moreton Hall, Shropshire

Spring Term at Moreton Hall begins tomorrow. The entrance and scholarship examination will be held on February 3. The careers convention will take place on February 13 and there will be a service of confirmation at Oswestry Parish Church on February 27. Half-term will be from February 14 to February 17 and the term ends on March 25. At the annual meeting Mr Malcolm N. Mitchell was elected chairman of the governing council.

Rugby School

Lent Term at Rugby School begins tomorrow. Mr N.D. Jarvis has been appointed head of modern languages. R.K. Murchison is captain of hockey and W.J. Bourne is Holder of Bigside Bags. The school orchestra and chorus will perform *Carmina Burana* on January 25. Exeat is from February 19 to 24 and term ends on Thursday, March 26.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.N. Carew and Miss M. Robson
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, youngest son of the late Charles Breitmeyer and Lady Kennard, Gogwell, Tiverton, Devon, and Maxine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Robson, of Cote, Eskdalemuir, near Langton, Dumfrieshire, DG13 0QQ.

Mr G.P.J. Alderton and Miss S.J. Simmons
The engagement is announced between Graham, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. Alderton, of Upper Woolhampton, Berkshire, and Susanna, elder daughter of Mr R.A. Simmons and Mrs M.D. Simmons, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr R.G. Black and Miss P.M. Dow
The engagement is announced between Rodney George, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.J. Black, of Dacre, Southland, New Zealand, and Philippa Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R.H. Dow, of Dedham, Essex.

Mr A.S. Catt and Mrs C.W. Avery
The engagement is announced between Alan Catt, of Westfield, near Rye, Sussex, husband of the late Mrs Pamela Catt, and Frances Avery (née Brodrick), of Pett Level, near Rye, wife of the late Dr Charles Avery.

Mr M.E. Chalmers and Miss C. McN Smallwood
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs A. Chalmers, of Colchester and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Smallwood, of Ponteland.

M P. Chapeau and Miss T. Legge
The engagement is announced between Pierre, only son of Mme Ludwine Chapeau and the Jacques Chapeau, Cognac, France, and Tanya, only daughter of Mr Peter Legge and Dr Ann Legge, of Ballsbridge, Dublin.

Mr M.D.G. Collins and Miss E.M. Holmes-Siedle
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Major and Mrs T.S.H. Collins, of Glan Afon, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, and Emma, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs A.G. Holmes-Siedle, of Jericho Farm House, Cassington, Oxford.

Mr J.E.M. Cross and Miss K.C. Bishop
The engagement is announced between James Edward Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cross, of Warwick House, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, and Karen Cecelia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bishop, of Westbrooke House, Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Mr G.H. Daniel and Miss C.M. Hudson
The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs R.H.J. Daniel, of Port Des Torrent, Ibiza, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J.S. Hudson, of Lusaka, Zambia.

Dr A.M. Dighé and Miss M.J. Laurence
The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S.S. Dighé, of Epping, Essex, and Miriam, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.P. Laurence, of Leicester.

Mr G.G. Ferreira and Miss N.G. Peters
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr Don Ferreira, of Hawaii, and Mrs Susan Ferreira, of Dallas, Texas, and Nicola, daughter of Mr G. Roy Peters and Mrs Peters, of Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex, and the late Mrs Iva Peters.

Mr R.T. St A. Harney and Miss K. Chippendale
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs D.G. St A. Harney, of Egerton Gardens, London, and Kate, only daughter of Dr I. Chippendale and Mrs G. Pinney, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr L.R.K. Hendry and Señorita M.de Corral de Zunzunegui
The engagement is announced between Lyall Rhydian Kerr, son of Mrs Eve Hendry and the late Mr Archie Hendry, of the Dordogne, France, and Marta, daughter of Doña Cristina de Zunzunegui Redonet and the late Don Diego de Corral, of Madrid, Spain. The marriage will take place in Madrid, in April.

Mr R.J. Howson and Miss K.E. Jarman
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs F.E. Howson, of Launton, Bicester, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.C. Jarman, of Castle Fields, Buckingham.

Dr M.J. Linley-Adams and Dr A.C. Hutchings
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Dr J.C. Linley-Adams and the late Mrs E.M. Linley-Adams, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Anne, eldest daughter Mr and Mrs J.A. Hutchings, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.F. Lofgren and Miss L.A. Hutchinson
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Lofgren, of New York, United States, and Leigh Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hutchinson, of London, W1, granddaughter of Mrs Ellen Vestey Sinclair, Australia.

Captain D.N.B. McCorquodale and Miss E-A. Gubbins
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr Euan McCorquodale, of St Boswells Bank, Roxburghshire, and Mrs Patrick Hazlehurst, of Broomy Court, Llandinabo, Herefordshire, and Elizabeth-Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gubbins, of Glenwuilt, Selkirkshire.

Mr R.A. Neville-Towle and Miss H.C. Duguid
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs P.E.N. Towle, of Guildford, Surrey, and Hilary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Duguid, of Eastertoun, Milngavie, Glasgow.

Mr D.L. Nicholas and Miss L. Bonnell-Jones
The engagement is announced between David (Bertie), only son of Mr and Mrs L.J. Nicholas, of Tan Farm, Stebbing, Essex, and Isobel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Bonnell-Jones, of Llandaff, Cardiff.

Mr A.H. Primrose and Miss M. Owens
The engagement is announced between Andrew Hardie Primrose and Meg Owens.

Mr S.P. Randle and Miss R.A. Farman
The engagement is announced between Simon Patrick, third son of Mr and Mrs C.H. Randle, of Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, and Rosemary Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.L.L. Farman, of Gateforth, Selby, Yorkshire.

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The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr L.E.W. Robertson, of Brafield on the Green, Northampton, and Mrs A. Martin, of Newark, Nottingham, and Aline, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.D.M. Oeters, of Exmouth, Devon.

Mr T.V. Smith and Miss C.J. Morgan
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr L. Smith, of Warfield, Berkshire, and Mrs V. Smith, of Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.J. Morgan, of Little Bookham, Surrey.

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The engagement is announced between Timothy Ranger, son of Dr and Mrs R.M. Whelan, of Burgess Hill, Sussex, and Stella Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Shaw, of White House, Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight.

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OBITUARY

DR DAVID MOLESWORTH

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Dr David Molesworth, OBE, who dedicated his life to the treatment of leprosy, died on December 15. He was 73.

Brownlow David Molesworth was born on February 4, 1913. He was educated at *Emmanuel College*, Cambridge, and studied medicine at the London Hospital.

After qualifying in 1937, he was appointed medical officer to the Grenville Mission, which worked to improve the *health of eskimos*. He spent the following year in Labrador working with them, in particular advising on dietary matters.

But he spent most of his career in the tropics. In 1939 he joined the Colonial Medical Service and was sent to Singapore as general duty medical officer. But his work there was cut short with the Japanese invasion in 1942, and he spent the next three years in a PoW camp.

It was only by chance, while awaiting repatriation from Singapore, that he became interested in leprosy. He heard of a vacancy for an officer in charge of the leprosarium at Sungai Buluh, Malaysia. He got the job, and remained there for the next decade.

On his arrival he found many patients near death from malnutrition, a sight that he never forgot.

But the timing of his appointment to Sungai Buluh was auspicious. There were, on the one hand, several thousand severely ill and deformed patients, for whom there was no known treatment; on the other hand, recent tentative claims were made that such leprosy had responded favourably to a sulphone drug, dapsone.

He pioneered the use of this, conducting successful programmes of mass treatment while never losing interest in individual patients.

In 1956 he went for two years to Geneva as adviser to the World Health Organization's leprosy section. From there he went to Ghana where he was director of the government's leprosy service at Elmina. His final post, in 1966, was as director of the British Leprosy Relief Association's control project in Malawi. He retired in 1979.

Molesworth was an extrovert personality with a "George the Fifth" beard. He was a good teacher, and his enthusiasm for his subject inspired his colleagues. He was also a keen ornithologist, especially knowledgeable about the bird life of Malawi.

His wife, Rosemary, whom he married in the late 1930s, survives him, together with their two sons, and two daughters.

LEA SEIDL

Lea Seidl, actress, who belonged to a wave of central European theatrical artists that enriched the British stage in the 1920 and 1930s, died on January 4. She was 91.

She arrived in Britain in 1930 as the star of *Frederike*, a *Singspiel* by Franz Lehar, in which she had created the title role in its Viennese première in 1928.

She made her British début in the part at the King's Theatre, Glasgow, on September 1, one week before *Frederica*, as it was called in its English version, arrived at the Palace Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue.

Lea Seidl was born Caroline Mayrseidl in Vienna on August 22, 1895. She went to school there; also in Zürich and Berlin.

She made her début in Vienna in 1917 as the lad, Janku, in Lehar's *Rastelbinder*, at the Carl Theatre, before moving to Zürich two years later. There she sang as principal soprano in a number of classical operettas, including Sonia in *The Merry Widow*.

Between 1922 and 1927 she sang mostly in operettas in various theatres in Berlin and Vienna. Despite wanting to stay in Berlin, she finally abandoned the Continent for Britain, though she was not Jewish. She fell in love with this country and decided to try her luck here.

Her career went from strength to strength. She starred in the musicals *The White Horse Inn* (1931), *The Waltz Dream* (1934), *Dancing City* (1935) and, in 1938, the year in which she acquired British citizenship, *No Sky is Blue*.

Later, she switched to legitimate drama, though acting in a foreign tongue. She chose, first, Rose Franken's *Claudia* (1942). Four years later John Shand and Shirley Cocks wrote specially for her a psychological thriller, *The Lilac Fades*, about a pianist who lost the use of her hands.

Her 1950s film roles included Countess Rostov, mother of Audrey Hepburn's Natasha, in *War and Peace* (1956).

Only the other year, bubbling with high spirits, Miss Seidl tackled, in a television documentary, the story of her old friend, the Viennese tenor Richard Tauber. It was a fitting swansong.

She never married.

MR JOHN CULLEN

Mr John Cullen, lighting designer, died on December 27. He was 31.

John Philip Cullen was born at Frome, Somerset, on May 26, 1955. He was educated at Frome Grammar School and King's College, London, where he studied physics.

But he left after one year and began a production *trainee course at the BBC*. The course completed, he found himself impatient for promotion but too young, he was told, to be promoted. He asked for six months' leave to indulge in his first love - lights. He did not return.

Instead, at the age of 27, he set up his own company, John Cullen Lighting Design Ltd. Residential commissions in London, Spain and the Middle East rapidly established his reputation.

Larger-scale commissions for commercial interiors soon followed, and his work can be seen in the headquarters of several City banks (mainly American) as well as the library at Keble College, Oxford, the Combination Room at King's College, Cambridge, and the "sky shop" at Gatwick airport.

In 1983 he won international acclaim when - as the first Briton and the youngest-ever recipient - he was awarded the American International Association of Lighting Designers' award for excellence.

During the next two years he was commissioned to help light the Rococo exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum. His company also designed the lighting for two further exhibitions at the Boilerhouse Gallery.

The last year of his life saw the publication of his book, *The Lighting Handbook*, among the first of its kind and written with the home owner in mind.

Cullen was an innovator who did much to promote the effective use of lighting. To this end he worked with architects and interior designers, ensuring that lighting became an essential ingredient in the finished work.

He was unmarried.

THE REV T. J. COULTER

The Rev. Thomas John Coulter, Scottish churchman who spent many years in Romania, died on Christmas Day. He was 88.

Born at Airdrie, he studied theology at Aberdeen and Budapest.

In 1934 he was appointed minister of the Church of Scotland mission at Kolozsvar-Cluj, where he established cordial relations with other churches, especially the Reformed Church of Transylvania. (This church still has a formal membership of about 800,000.)

A missionary soul, he spent *his time there visiting his* church's outposts: preaching, lecturing and teaching English.

He left Romania at the outbreak of the Second World War, returning to Scotland via Palestine and South Africa. He was then a minister at, successively, Stirling, London and Holm.

In 1956 he worked among Hungarians who had come to this country as refugees after the rebellion of that year had been crushed.

In retirement, too, he devoted himself to ministering to Hungarians, in whose language he was fluent.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and by one of their daughters (another having predeceased him).

MR JACK MARTIN

Mr John William Martin, cricketer, died on January 4. He was 69.

He was an amateur fast bowler for Kent, and played just once for England - in 1947 against South Africa at Trent Bridge.

His wife, Gertie, died in 1982, but he is survived by their son and two daughters.

Mr Roy Fuller writes:

The death of Jack Martin will have saddened not only those who recall him as a cricketer, but also many in the business world of south-east London, where he was the able and genial district manager for the Legal & General Assurance Society.

The disruption of cricket by the war, and his own war service, undoubtedly prevented him from taking his high *place in the annals of the game* his talents merited, but he played enough representative cricket to prove himself a fast bowler of supreme quality.

A big, handsome man, rather like a more powerful Clark Gable, he bowled extremely hostile stuff off a quite modest run.

As a tail-end batsman he could be devastating when his eye was in: a few sixes into the tennis courts at the Rectory Field, when batting for Kent after the war, will remain in several fond memories.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.
Psalm 72 : 19

BIRTHS

GILL - On January 5th, at The Garden Hospital, Hendon, to Jenifer and Marshall Gill, a daughter, Philippa Claire, a sister for Merritt and Caitlin.

KINNISTON - On January 7th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, to Charlotte (née Jamieson) and Michael, a daughter, Rebecca Natasha Emma. Dee Gratias.

MARTIN - On January 5th 1987, in London, to Susie (Née Gamble) and David, a son.

MILLER - On January 7th, at the West London Hospital, to Mary (née Gifford) and James, a son, Thomas Hector Gifford.

MORRISON - On January 9th, at Treliske Hospital, Truro, to Chelsey (née Wilson) and Simon, a daughter.

MUNFORD - On January 7th, to Jackie (née Kasey) and Roy, a son, Daniel Miles.

NAPIER - On January 4th 1987, to Rosamund (née Thomas-Ferrand) and John, a daughter, a sister for Charles.

PARSON - On January 7th 1987, to Annette (née Walters) and Stephen, a son, Toby Stephen.

PENNING - On January 8th 1987, to Penny (née Sills) and Alan, a daughter, Alexandra Margaret Shirley.

PHOENIX - On November 20th, at The Garden Hospital, Hendon, to Jane and Michael, a daughter, Katherine Emma.

SHARPLEY - On January 5th, at the Wellington Humana Hospital, to Sarah (née Nabarro) and Roger, a son, Edward Henry, a brother for Georgina.

SIMMONDS - See Phoenix.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

HAWTREY - DANIEL On 10th January 1947, at St Mary's Church, Henley On Thames, John Havilland Procter to Kathleen Mary. Now at 76 Makins Rd, Henley on Thames.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

DUFF-ROXBURGH - On January 11th 1927, at Calcutta, David Ingils Duff and Louise Roxburgh sometime of 62 Hepburn Gardens, St Andrews, Fife now happily together in an Edinburgh Nursing Home.

DEATHS

AGNEW - On January 9th, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Leslie, aged 86, late 16th/19th King's Hussars, peacefully at home. Dearly loved husband of Hilda and father of Rosemary, Mark and Lavinia. No flowers or letters please.

ALLEN - On January 9th 1986, after a brave struggle against illness, Muriel of 11, Wheatfield Lea, Cranbrook, Kent, aged 75 years. Enquiries to K.B. Sills, Funeral Directors, Cranbrook 712284.

CARNEY - On January 6th 1987, in Harare, Zimbabwe, Daniel, writer and novelist. Beloved husband of Sally and father of Roxanne and Ryan. Sadly missed by his sisters, Erin Pizzey and Kate Grierson. Much mourned by all who loved him across the world.

GILL - On January 8th, peacefully at Carwick House Care Home, Lincoln, William aged 83 years, formerly of Woodhall Spa, beloved husband of Evelyn Elizabeth, Freeman of the City of London. Formerly Assistant General Manager, National Provincial Bank and member of the fans of Court Regiment. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Mappleton, Ashbourne, Derbyshire on Tuesday January 13th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to St Mary's Church, Mappleton, c/o H Lee & Sons Funeral Directors, Belle Vue Road, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

HALTON - On January 8th 1987, peacefully, Miles Creighton. Family funeral Thursday January 15th 11.30am at Goldsord Crematorium.

LOWSON - On January 7th, suddenly but peacefully at home, Malcolm, aged 78, much loved husband of Ruth, formerly member of the London Stock Exchange. Funeral at 2.15pm on Tuesday January 13th at Chigwell Gale Church, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, for the R.S.P.B., may be sent c/o Fuller and Scott, the Walshams, Hickstead 3241.

MYERS - On January 6th 1987, at London Bridge hospital, London, John Walter Rivers Myers aged 76, beloved husband of Jackie and much loved father of Anthony and Gillian and grandfather. Private family cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief for Guy's Hospital c/o Mr Mike Randall, Guy's Hospital SE1.

ROBERTSON - On January 9th, quietly at Treliske Hospital, Truro, Ellen Anne, aged 72. Wife of Lewis, mother of Carol and John, grandmother of Anne, Kate, Sophie and Jeremy. Much loved by us all.

SEKULICH - On 9th January, peacefully, Dr Milosh Sekulich. Service at Russian Orthodox Church in Exile, Emperor's Gate, London. 29/7 on 16th January at 10.30am, followed by interment at Mortlake Cemetery.

STODDART - On January 7th, peacefully at Chislehurst, May in her 96th year, beloved wife of the late George Stoddart and much loved mother of Eric, Joan, Betty and Douglas.

TURNER - On January 6th 1987, hom, at home, in his 78th year, at Dancy-le-Fort, 71640 Givry, France.

WATTS - On Wednesday January 7th 1987, peacefully at home, Clover Service, aged 84 years, of Court House, West Milton, nr Bridport, Dorset. A much loved aunt. Funeral service at St. Mary's and St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church, Bridport at 10am on Wednesday 14th January, followed by interment at Bridport Cemetery. Enquiries by A.G. Down, 66 South Street, Bridport, Dorset. Tel 0308 22643.

WILE - On December 27th, suddenly and peacefully at home in Bishop's Castle, Shropshire, Timothy Carlos Geoffrey, aged 58, born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, much loved son of Geoffrey and Beryl Wile and brother of Felicity Burnley.

WOLF - On January 7th 1987, peacefully in Darlington, Warner, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth, and father of Ann, Robert, Roland and Vincent. No flowers but donations if desired, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX.

WYVILL — On January 8th in Hull Richard Anthony aged 44, beloved husband of Valerie and loved and loving father of Richard and Michael. Funeral at Chanterlands Crematorium, Hull on Tuesday January 13th at 2pm. Flowers to E W Brown & Son, 435 Beverley Road, Hull or donations, if desired, to the Princess Royal Cancer Fund. Princess Royal Hospital, Hull.

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FAZAKERLEY - A Memorial Service for the life of Dorothy Valerie Fazakerley will be held at Reigate Heath Church, Reigate, Surrey on Tuesday February 3rd 1987, 2.30pm.

PERTWEE - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Nicholas, will be held at the Parish Church, Frenton On Sea, at 3.00pm on Friday January 23rd.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

FRANK-THOMSON - Enid Frances Elliss. Your love still fills our heart. Miss you darling one. Tom.

HALE - Blanche. 10th January 1984. Always in our hearts. From family, friends and admirers.

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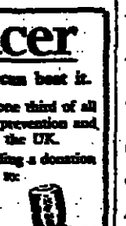
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CASE NO 6636/86
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
DURBAN AND COAST LOCAL DIVISION
BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE WILSON
AT DURBAN ON THE 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER 1986

In the matter between:-
EX PARTE:
BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED N.O. Applicant

UPON the Motion of Counsel for the Applicant and upon reading the Rule Nisi issued out of this Court on the 30th September 1986 and the other documents filed of record:

IT IS ORDERED:-

THAT the allowance rule nisi is hereby confirmed to the 30th January 1987 in terms of Amended Order Prayed.

AMENDED ORDER PRAYED.

1. THAT a rule nisi issue calling upon all interested parties to show cause, if any, before this Honourable Court on the 28th day of November 1986 at 9.30 a.m. or so soon thereafter as Counsel may be heard why:
(a) it should not be declared that CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN of 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, is the beneficiary referred to in Clause 4 (b) (iii) of the Last Will and Testament of WALTER FREDERICK HOLSEY, deceased, and that the INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH, formerly THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND is the substitutary beneficiary referred to in Clause 4 (b) (iii) of the said Will, alternatively that the said Will should be read out of the said Clause 4 (b) (iii) and that the said Clause 4 (b) (iii) should be declared void for uncertainty;
2 THAT this Order, together with the application papers, be served upon:
(a) DIANA JOAN KELLY of 6 Devonshire Place, Harrow;
(b) JULIET ANNE GREVILLESTEN of 116 Bowood Avenue, Mossley, Johannesburg;
(c) KATHERINE DAWN WATSON of Old Bedworth, Hinxville;
(d) THE HEART FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, 912 Salisbury House, West Street, Durban;
(e) THE NATIONAL SEA RESCUE INSTITUTE OF S.A., 28 Trim Park, 39 Currey Road, Durban, Natal Garden Street, Durban;
(f) THE NATAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, 194 Umbilo Road, Durban;
3. THAT a copy of this order, together with the application papers be posted upon:
(a) CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN;
(b) THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London;
(c) THE INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH;
(d) TREASURY SOLICITOR of Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London.
4. THAT this Order be published in one issue of a newspaper published and circulating in the Republic of South Africa on or before the 31st of October 1986.
5. THAT this Order be published in one issue of the "LONDON TIMES", London on or before the 31st of December 1986.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT a copy of the papers be served on people mentioned in paragraph 3. It is not necessary that the papers be served on people on persons mentioned in paragraph 2.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
L. BOTHMA
ACT. ASST. REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
CALYPSO COFFEE COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985 that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA on Monday the 12th day of January 1987 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 589 and 590 of the said Act. Dated this 19 day of December 1986
By Order of the Board
J. EDMONDS
SECRETARY

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the persons or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified, after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Estate of DORIS IRENE DUNSLOW late of Hallaston Nursing Home Second Avenue Mount Lawley in the State of Western Australia Senior deceased formerly who died on 5th December 1985 at Mount Lawley aforesaid.
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The Public Trustee as Administrator of the estate of the deceased calls upon any person who may have a claim against the estate to send in their claims within a period of two (2) months from the date of this advertisement to the Public Trustee at 565 Hay Street Perth Western Australia quoting reference D84 0405/4/TAS.

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Reagan claim on Contras refuted

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Top-secret documents released by the White House yesterday appear to contradict President Reagan's claim that covert arms sales to Iran were not part of a direct arms-for-hostages deal.

"This approach through the Government of Iran may well be our only way to achieve the release of the Americans held in Beirut." Mr Reagan was told in a secret paper given to him when he approved the arms shipments last January.

The paper was prepared by Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed former National Security Council aide, and presented orally to Mr Reagan by Admiral John Poindexter, the National Security Adviser who resigned.

The White House released the document after details were leaked by *The Washington Post*. "The President never saw this actual memo as far as we are aware," a senior White House official said yesterday.

The document said that if all the hostages were not released after the first shipment of 1,000 anti-tank weapons, further transfers would cease. In fact, all the hostages were not released and arms shipments continued.

It portrays the Iran arms operation as an Israeli idea

"The Israelis are very concerned at Iran's deteriorating position in the war with Iraq, the potential for further radicalization in Iran, and the possibility of enhanced Soviet influence in the Gulf all pose significant threats to the security of Israel," the memorandum said.

The White House also released a document in which Mr Reagan authorized the sales to Iran and the withholding from Congress of information about the covert operations.

NBC News on Thursday night quoted a secret report by the Senate intelligence committee. The report indicates that Mr Reagan did not know profits from the sale would be diverted to the Contras.

Hero PC saves 39 villagers from gas explosion



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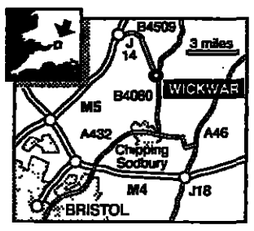
house and held many happy memories for us, but I am just grateful no one was hurt," he said.

The evacuated villagers, some of them clutching their pets, were taken by PC Shaw through the snow and darkness to a social hall at the end of the village as emergency teams from the Gas Board and fire crews rushed to the village to try to trace the leak. Before they could act the explosion happened.

Mr Brian Manning, a Gas Board supervisor, had shouted a warning when meters detected that the gas build-up in the street had reached danger level.

It took engineers and firemen several hours to put out the blaze, and the village remained sealed off throughout the day.

Mrs Beryl Bennett, one of those evacuated, said yesterday: "Shortly after we left our homes, there was an incredible blast. No one close to it would have stood a chance. We all owe our lives to PC Shaw."



Another villager, Mrs Gillian Elston, a parish councillor, said of PC Shaw: "This man has saved our lives. How can we ever repay him? What he has done will live in the memory of the village for a long time to come."

She and other villagers yesterday started a collection for the constable, who managed to retrieve only a burned helmet and a passport from his home.

As Gas Board officials started an inquiry into the fracture in the 12-inch cast iron gas main one metre beneath the surface of the street, Mrs Elston blamed heavy lorries using the road as a short cut between the M4 and M5.

She said: "I wrote to the Gas Board five years ago to express my concern about heavy lorries and what could happen to the gas main beneath the road. They said they were monitoring it, but there was no danger. If the Gas Board had done something then this disaster could have been averted."

A spokesman for the South-west Region of British Gas said the 12-inch main had been lain in the 1950s and preliminary examination showed there was no corrosion. It was not due to be replaced for another 10 or 15 years.

He said: "We do not yet know the cause of the leak. If the ground is frozen, heavy lorries going over a main may cause a fracture."

Villagers said they had been campaigning for years to have heavy traffic on a "rat run" between the M4 and M5 diverted away from the village. They had counted up to 900 heavy lorries a day.

Above, an aerial view of the destruction caused by the blast in the village of Wickwar, Avon. Below, left to right, Mike, Jason and Joyce Calwell, who went back to save their budgerigar.



Pretoria prohibits reporting of ANC

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make it illegal for any editor to allow any material in papers "calculated (a) to improve or to promote the public image or esteem of an organization which is unlawful . . . or (b) to commend, to defend, to explain, or to justify any action, policy or strategy of such an organization . . ."

The South African Society of Journalists said yesterday that the Government had now "joined the ranks of the worst totalitarian states".

It added a warning to the newspaper-reading public: "The information it receives on banned organizations reflects only that which the Government wants the public to know and therefore cannot be the truth."

The Government has said that it does not intend to reply directly to the advertisements demanding the legalization of the ANC although it has promised further instalments of its pamphlet war directed at the organization's communist and paramilitary members.

In Cape Town, police seized material on the advertisments and drafts of an article published in the *Cape Times* by Mr Murphy Morobe, UDF acting publicity secretary.

Even the weekly newspaper of the Dutch Reform Church felt obliged to warn the Government against the misuse of emergency powers.

The *Kerkbode* said in an editorial: "It will be a sorrowful day if the Afrikaans churches, which accept the integrity of the Government and the security forces in this matter, must find that their trust has been put to shame."

While the Government promulgates new restrictions on the newspaper press with increasing frequency, the Publications Directorate, which deals with books, continues its work at a more leisurely pace and yesterday released a fresh set of decisions.

Essential Works of Lenin, edited by Henry M. Christman, is no longer prohibited but is still ranked as undesirable. The edict contained better news for Hal Draper's *Karl Marx's Theory of Revolution (part 1)*, which is no longer even undesirable.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Solution to Puzzle No 17,244

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,250

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

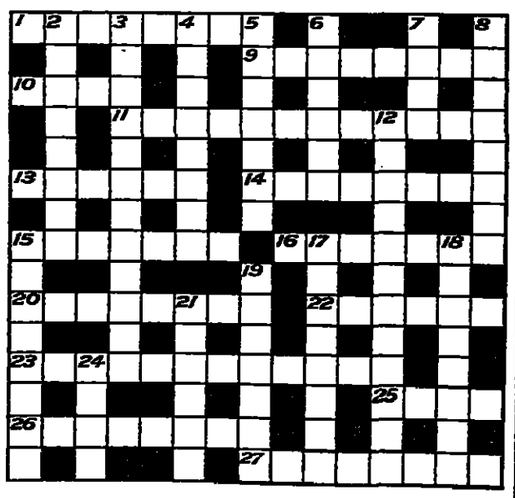
The winners of last Saturday's competition are: D W M Adams, Billesley Lane, Moseley, Birmingham; A J Cochran, Heath Croft Road, Sutton Coldfield; D Douglas, Thura Place, Bowermadden, Bower, Caithness; Cdr W R Miller, Great George Street, Godalming, Surrey; Mrs R Potter, Radcliffe Lodge, Wharf Lane, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham.

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ACROSS

1 Dress up in these for cheerful student pranks (4,4).
9 Area some returned to provide the above opening (4-4).
10 Responsibility not borne by them, apparently (4).
11 Exchange ideas and arrange score an' tempo? (7, 5).
13 Equivalent of sovereign, initially, in republic (6).
14 Gentlemen's murals make a fair gift (8).
15 Eccentric on prose (7).
16 Rage, in a way (7).
20 Polishing material is carried back by an Indian (8).
22 Needlewoman's fall (6).
23 Accept responsibility, as conductors do (4,3,5).
25 Humming top follows circular curve (4).
26 Hardy native, for example, about to join artist (8).
27 Tower demolished to maintain control (4,4).

DOWN

2 Two types of suit for this athletic event (4,4).
3 Record playing so lifeless, it's very sad (12).
4 Disposal of a river barrier? Water's the result (5,3).
5 Unexplored way over the mountains (7).
6 Maker of snap judgments given privately here (6).
7 Entertain a large crowd (4).
8 Purple, initially — red, sort of blue (8).
12 Unofficially cancelled the best performance (3,3,6).
15 Teachers or deputy head in market town (8).
17 Appropriate postulate held by primate (8).
18 Survey what TV addicts do (8).
19 Little room for privacy, note, in the country (7).
21 Under control, like quarter-deck ready for bridge inspection (2,4).
24 Musical craft (4).

Concise Crossword page 13

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Today's events

New exhibitions

The Unpainted Landscape: Scottish Arts Council touring exhibition; Maclaurin Art Gallery, Ayr (ends Feb 7).

The Golden Thread: Classical mythology in contemporary art; Exhibition Gallery, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, 6 to 8 (ends Feb 14).

All Creatures Great and Small: A selection from the Towner Collection; Towner Art Gallery, High St, Old Town, Eastbourne; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Feb 8).

Oils, watercolours and etchings by Frederick Whitehead (1853-1938); Dorset County Museum, Dorchester.

Last chance to see

Contemporary European silver; Mezzanine Galleries, Burrell Collection, 2060 Pollokshaws Rd, Glasgow.

Shades of Grey: Photographs of Glasgow by Oscar Marzaroli (1956-1986); Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30.

Works by the Norwegian artist Frans Widerberg; Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Rd, Edinburgh.

The Golden Era of American Bookplate Design (1890-1940); Charrington Print Room, The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge; 2 to 5.

Drawings by Sir Edward Burne-Jones; Main Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff. 10 to 5.

German Expressionist Graphics: A selection of watercolours, drawings and prints; Gallery F, Castle Museum, Nottingham. 10 to 4.45.

Selected crafts by local artists; Castle Museum Shop, Castle Museum, Nottingham. 10-4.45

Watercolours and drawings by John Bellany; Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow. 2-5.30.

Exhibition of Modern Swedish Craft; MacRobert Arts Centre, Stirling University.

Victorian Paintings from the Ashton Bequest; Tunbridge Wells Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 9.30-5.

Through the Looking Glass: Photography and the Pre-Raphaelite Movement; The Ruskin Gallery, 101 Norfolk St, Sheffield. 10-5.

Music

Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra, Derek Williams (violin); Bedford School, Bedford. 7.30.

Concert by the Academy of Saint Olave's, Andrew Maries (oboe); St Olave's Church, Marygate, York. 8.

A Pride of Four Nations: The BBC Welsh Orchestra take a musical tour of the British Isles; St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff. 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; City Hall, Salisbury. 7.30.

New Music Group of Scotland: Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow. 8.

General

An Introduction to Portraiture: An all-day workshop under the direction of John Bardsley; The Royal Photographic Society, The Octagon, Milsom St, Bath.

Our Day Out by the Everyman Youth Theatre; Niccol Centre, Brewery Court, Cirencester, Glos. 2.30 and 7.30.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.18
Austria Sch	20.75	19.65
Belgium Fr	62.60	59.20
Canada $	2.087	1.997
Denmark Kr	11.20	10.60
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.93
France Fr	9.79	9.29
Germany Dm	2.96	2.80
Greece Dr	294	274
Hong Kong $	11.80	11.20
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.04
Italy Lire	2115	1975
Japan Yen	245	231
Netherlands Gld	3.33	3.15
Norway Kr	11.27	10.67
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	4.55	3.75
Spain Pta	200	190
Sweden Kr	10.38	9.83
Switzerland Fr	2.475	2.345
USA $	1.536	1.466
Yugoslavia Dnr	880	740

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 391.7

London: The *FT* index closed up 13.9 at 1386.4.

Anniversaries

TODAY

Births: **John Acton, 1st Baron Acton of Aldenham**, historian, Naples, 1834; **Grock (Karl Wettach)**, clown, Recouvilier, Switzerland, 1880; **Dame Barbara Hepworth**, sculptor, Wakefield, 1903.

Deaths: **William Laud**, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1633-45, executed London, 1645; **Carolus Linnaeus**, botanist, Uppsala, Sweden, 1778; **William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill)**, Denver, Colorado, 1917; **Sinclair Lewis**, novelist, Nobel laureate 1930, Rome, 1951; **Gabriela Mistral**, poet and novelist, Nobel laureate 1945, New York, 1957; **Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel**, dress designer, Paris, 1971.

TOMORROW

Births: **Alexander Hamilton**, American statesman, Nevis, West Indies, 1755; **Sir John Macdonald**, 1st Prime Minister of Canada 1857-73, 1878-91, Glasgow, 1815; **George Curzon, Marquess Curzon of Kedleston**, Viceroy of India 1898-1905, Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, 1859.

Deaths: **Sir Hans Sloane**, physician and collector, London, 1753; **Louis François Roubiliac**, sculptor, London, 1762; **Domenico Cimarosa**, composer, Venice, 1801; **Thomas Hardy**, writer, Dorchester, 1928; **Lal Bahadur Shastri**, Prime Minister of India 1964-66, Tashkent, 1966; **Alberto Giacometti**, sculptor, Chur, Switzerland, 1966; **Padraic Colum**, poet, Enfield, Connecticut, 1972.

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Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 25).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+5	+4	+3	+4	+2		
2	+3	+4	+8	+4	+4		
3	+5	+8	+5	+4	+1		
4	+5	+7	+4	+4	+2		
5	+5	+4	+4	+5	+3		
6	+3	+5	+5	+5	+1		
7	+4	+3	+9	+5	+3		
8	+7	+7	+5	+3	+1		
9	+3	+2	+7	+3	+5		
10	+3	+4	+3	+3	+4		
11	+3	+5	+6	+4	+1		
12	+5	+4	+2	+4	+3		
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39	+3	+4	+2	+3	+5		
40	+6	+5	+3	+5	+2		
41	+2	+3	+3	+5	+5		
42	+3	+4	+9	+2	+3		
43	+6	+4	+4	+5	+1		
44	+3	+7	+6	+3	+1		

WEATHER

N Ireland, SW Scotland, NW England, W Midlands and Wales will start cloudy, with perhaps a little rain or sleet, but it will become a little brighter and mostly dry later in the day. N and E Scotland, along with eastern and central districts of England will have some bright weather, but near the E coast, some sleet or snow showers are likely, and these showers will move inland from time to time. SW England will be cloudy, with some sleet or rain, becoming mostly dry by dusk. Cold everywhere, with night frosts, and some freezing fog patches in a few places. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday. Very cold with severe night frosts, and sleet or snow in places.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 4.43 pm to 7.33 am
Bristol 4.53 pm to 7.42 am
Edinburgh 4.32 pm to 8.06 am
Manchester 4.41 pm to 7.51 am
Penzance 5.11 pm to 7.46 am

TOMORROW
London 4.44 pm to 7.32 am
Bristol 4.54 pm to 7.42 am
Edinburgh 4.33 pm to 8.06 am
Manchester 4.43 pm to 7.50 am
Penzance 5.12 pm to 7.48 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r	4	39	Guernsey	r	4	39
B'mingham	c	0	32	Inverness	f	-1	27
Blackpool	f	1	34	Jersey	r	3	37
Bristol	c	2	36	London	c	2	36
Cardiff	r	3	37	Manchester	c	2	36
Edinburgh	f	-2	28	Newcastle tg	-2	28
Glasgow	s	1	34	N'ridaway	r	4	39

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	5	41	dull
Bridlington	6.7	-	4	39	sunny
Cromer	3.5	.02	5	41	sunny
Lowestoft	-	-	0	32	fog
Clacton	0.1	-	0	32	fog
Margate	-	-	2	36	fog
Folkestone	1.1	-	4	39	bright
Hastings	4.8	-	5	41	sunny
Eastbourne	6.9	-	3	37	sunny
Brighton	6.8	-	5	41	sunny
Worthing	6.6	-	4	39	sunny
Littlehmpton	5.9	-	2	36	sunny
Bognor R	6.2	-	5	41	sunny
Selsea	6.0	-	6	43	sunny
Shanklin	-	-	-	-	-
Bournemth	1.2	-	4	39	bright
Poole	2.8	-	5	41	cloudy
Swanage	1.1	-	5	41	bright
Weymouth	2.0	-	5	41	bright
Exmouth	0.7	-	6	43	cloudy
Torquay	0.2	-	7	45	cloudy
Falmouth	-	-	6	43	dull
Scilly Isles	2.4	-	7	45	sunny
Guernsey	3.4	-	6	43	sunny
Newquay	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Rhosmilne	-	x	5	41	dull
Tenby	0.1	-	6	43	cloudy
Morecambe	4.2	-	1	34	bright
Douglas	1.7	-	5	41	bright
London	4.3	-	2	35	sunny
B'ham Airpt	4.3	-	3	37	fog
Bristol (Cnl)	2.4	-	3	37	bright
Cardiff (Cnl)	-	-	3	37	fog
Anglesey	2.9	-	4	39	sunny
B'pool Airpt	5.5	-	1	34	sunny
Manchester	5.5	-	2	36	sunny
Nottingham	5.4	-	2	36	sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	x	x	x	x	x
Carlisle	5.4	-	2	36	sunny
Edinbrgh Airpt	-	-	-1	30	cloudy
Prestwick	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Glasgow	-	-	-1	30	cloudy
Tiree	-	-	6	43	bright
Belfast	-	-	4	39	cloudy

These are Thursday's figures
*Figures not available

Roads

London and the South-east: A219: Delays along Fulham Palace Rd and Putney High St due to works. **Loughton, Essex:** Delays on Epping New Rd near junction with North Brook Rd between 7 am and 6 pm. **Islington:** Cable laying on Northington St between John St and Gravesend Rd from 8 am to 5 pm.

Wales and the west: M5: Carriageway closures and restrictions in both directions between junctions 24 (Minehead) and 27 (Tiverton). **A30:** Temporary traffic lights at Monkton between Honiton and A303. **A48:** Diversions due to Huntley to Ross Rd closure W of A4136 junction near Huntley, Gloucestershire.

The Midlands: M5: Works between junctions 5 (Droitwich) and 6 (Worcester) with single lane southbound traffic. **A456 Hereford and Worcester:** Delays due to bypass construction at Bewdley to the W of town centre. **A53:** Works between Hodnet and Tern Hill causing delays between Shrewsbury and Newcastle- under- Lyme.

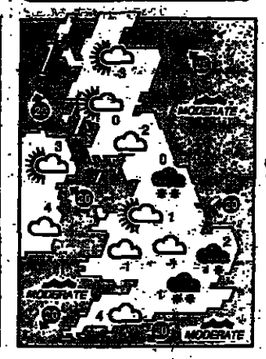
The North: M6: Delays due to contraflow between junctions 29 (A6) and 32 (M55) Lancashire. **M61 Greater Manchester:** Construction of new motorway link at Walton Summit, Blacow Bridge. M61/M6. with lane closures both north and southbound. **A692:** Work on Grove Bridges, Co. Durham.

Scotland: A902: Construction on Crewe Toll, Lothian, with restrictions until tomorrow. **A82:** Diversions operating as Gt Western Rd access to M8 eastbound closed. **A947:** Single line traffic with lights on Anderson Drive, S of Kings Gate, due dual carriageway construction.

AM



PM



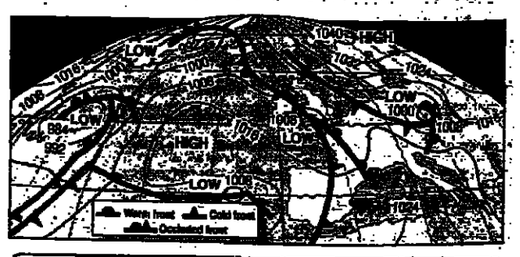
TODAY — Sun rises: 8.04 am — Sun sets: 4.13 pm — Moon sets: 4.18 am — Moon rises: 12.18 pm — Full Moon January 15

TOMORROW — Sun rises: 8.03 am — Sun sets: 4.14 pm — Moon sets: 5.31 am — Moon rises: 12.45 pm — Full Moon January 15

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.02	5.9	10.49	6.0	London Bridge	11.16	6.9	11.50	6.2
Aberdeen	10.13	3.4	10.26	3.4	Aberdeen	11.06	3.6	11.25	3.5
Avonmouth	2.57	10.5	3.38	10.7	Avonmouth	4.10	10.7	4.48	11.0
Belfast	7.44	3.0	8.12	3.1	Belfast	8.38	3.1	9.04	3.1
Cardiff	2.42	9.6	3.23	10.0	Cardiff	3.55	10.0	4.33	10.3
Devonport	1.43	4.5	2.07	4.5	Devonport	2.40	4.7	3.13	4.9
Dover	7.23	5.6	8.09	5.5	Dover	8.37	5.7	9.05	5.7
Falmouth	1.12	4.3	1.37	4.3	Falmouth	2.19	4.5	2.43	4.4
Glasgow	9.00	4.1	9.41	4.2	Glasgow	10.02	4.2	10.41	4.3
Harwich	7.49	3.3	8.09	3.2	Harwich	8.08	3.3	9.41	3.4
Holyhead	7.09	4.4	7.25	4.5	Holyhead	8.04	4.6	8.20	4.6
Hull	2.12	6.2	3.11	5.9	Hull	3.24	6.1	4.07	6.1
Ilfracombe	2.02	6.9	2.39	7.1	Ilfracombe	3.11	7.2	3.41	7.4
Leith	11.21	4.6	11.41	4.7	Leith	-	-	12.18	4.7
Liverpool	7.41	7.4	8.05	7.6	Liverpool	8.42	7.6	9.04	7.8
Lowestoft	5.30	2.2	6.46	2.1	Lowestoft	6.46	2.1	7.35	2.2
Margate	6.11	4.0	9.07	4.0	Margate	8.19	4.0	10.00	4.1
Milford Haven	2.27	5.3	2.58	5.4	Milford Haven	3.35	5.5	4.02	5.6
Montrose	1.28	5.4	1.58	5.5	Montrose	2.31	5.6	2.57	5.7
Oban	2.17	3.0	2.54	3.2	Oban	3.30	3.1	3.49	3.3
Penzance	12.55	4.5	1.18	4.5	Penzance	1.57	4.7	2.20	4.8
Portland	2.26	1.5	2.59	1.4	Portland	3.32	1.6	4.12	1.5
Portsmouth	7.54	4.0	8.35	3.8	Portsmouth	8.58	4.0	9.32	4.0
Shoreham	7.26	5.0	8.08	4.9	Shoreham	8.27	5.1	9.06	5.1
Southampton	7.37	3.8	8.06	3.7	Southampton	8.35	3.9	9.03	3.8
Swansea	2.52	7.4	3.03	7.5	Swansea	3.25	7.7	4.03	7.8
Tees	*	-	12.45	4.4	Tees	12.55	4.5	2.34	4.6
W'ton-on-Nze	7.51	3.5	8.42	3.5	W'ton-on-Nze	8.01	3.5	9.39	3.6

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft.



ABROAD

NIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	c	9	48	Cologne	c	-1	30	Majorca	f	13	55	Rome	s	5	41
Alicante	f	16	61	C'phagen	s	13	9	Malaga	f	14	57	Salzburg	c	-5	23
Alex'dria	s	17	63	Corfu	s	7	45	Malta				S Prfecn*			
Algiers	s	15	59	Dublin	c	7	45	Melb'rne				Santiago*	s	27	81
Amst'dam	f	1	34	Dubrovnik	s	3	37	Mexico C*	s	20	68	S Paulo*	f	31	88
Athens	s	7	45	Faro	c	13	55	Miami*	s	28	79	Seoul	s	-1	30
Bahrain	s	18	64	Florence	c	-2	28	Milan	f	0	32	Singapore	r	27	81
Barbados*	c	26	79	Frankfurt	f	-2	28	Montreal*	s	-8	18	Stckholm	s	2	-5
Barcelna	f	7	45	Funchal	s	19	66	Moscow	sn	-25	-13	Strasbrg	s	-3	27
Beirut				Geneva	f	-3	27	Munich	c	-4	25	Sydney	f	28	73
Belgrade	s	-5	23	Gibraltar	f	15	59	Nairobi	f	25	77	Tangier	f	16	61
Berlin	s	-7	19	Helsinki	s	33	-27	Naples	s	4	39	Tel Aviv	s	16	61
Bermuda*	c	19	66	Hong K	s	20	68	N Delhi	s	18	64	Tenerife	s	21	70
Biarritz	f	12	54	Innsbruck	c	10	14	N York*	s	2	36	Tokyo	s	13	55
Berde'k	f	12	54	Istanbul	sn	-2	28	Nice	f	7	45	Toronto*	sn	-1	30
Bou'ne				Jeddah	s	28	79	Oslo	s	19	-2	Tunis	f	12	54
Brussels	s	-1	30	Jo'burg*	c	26	77	Paris				Valencia	c	14	57
Budapest	sn	-7	19	Karachi	s	23	73	Peking	sn	-5	23	Vancouver	s	0	32
B Aires*	s	33	91	L Palmas	s	20	68	Perth				Venice	s	-2	28
Cairo	s	17	63	Lisbon	r	11	52	Prague	sn	-3	27	Vienna	sn	-2	28
Cape Tn	s	27	81	Locarno	s	1	34	Reykjvik	f	3	37	Warsaw	sn	12	10
C'blanca				L Angels*	s	13	55	Rhodes	f	12	54	Washton*	s	6	43
Chicago*	c	-1	30	Lucerne	s	-6	28	Rio de J				Wel'ton	s	19	66
Ch'church	s	20	68	Madrid	f	5	41	Riyadh	s	19	66	Zurich	s	-3	27

* Abroad on Thursday's figures are latest available

PART 2

THE TIMES

SATURDAY JANUARY 10 1987

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE 21-34
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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1386.4 (+13.9)

FT-SE 100
1752.3 (+19.2)

Bargains
47658 (46181)

USM (Datastream)
135.35 (+1.2)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4780 (+0.0035)

W German mark
2.8318 (+0.0015)

Trade-weighted
68.8 (same)

Way clear for £90m Gunn deal

The overseas investors owning 25 per cent of Steel Brothers yesterday dropped their opposition to the £90 million takeover terms from Mr John Gunn's financial services group British and Commonwealth Holdings.

Tamween, the investment vehicle for the Lebanese-based Gargour family, had refused to accept the 630p-a-share cash terms from Mr Gunn.

But an increase in the B & C share price has raised the value of the paper alternative to 660p. "We think this places a more reasonable value on our stake and we shall be accepting the B & C shares," said a Tamween spokesman.

Sedgwick buys Dallas broker

Sedgwick Group, Britain's largest independent insurance broker, is buying Dallas-based insurance broker Arthur L Owen for $16.5 million cash (£11.2 million).

Owen's Dallas office will be combined with the Dallas office of Sedgwick's American subsidiary Fred S James. Owen has a particularly good reputation for handling oil and gas accounts.

800 jobs go

Northern Engineering Industries said yesterday that lower export orders than expected and the lack of a British power station ordering programme forced it to reduce by 800 the workforce of NEI Parsons by the middle of this year. The redundancies were part of the overall reduction of 5,800 in the workforce which was announced last September, NEI said.

Bid delay

The Takeover Panel has again extended its bid timetable, this time for Fothergill & Harvey, because no government decision has yet been made on whether to refer the bid by Courtaulds to the Monopolies Commission. The 39th day will now be two days after the Government's decision.

FAI buys in

Hill Samuel was the target of large share buying for the second time this week when FAI Insurances, based in Sydney, bought a 7.4 per cent stake in the investment banking and financial services group. FAI said that its shareholding, which is now the largest in Hill Samuel, was intended as a long-term investment.

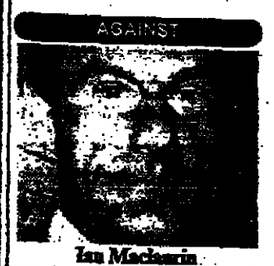
Property buy

Chesterfield Properties, the developer, has bought Y J Lovell's 25 per cent interest in its 143,000 sq ft joint development, New City Court, close to London Bridge on the south side of Thames. The terms have not been revealed.

Guinness family vote will decide directors' crisis meeting

Board is swinging against Saunders

AGAINST



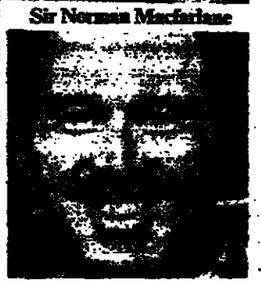
Ian Maclaurin



Sir David Plastow



Sir Norman Macfarlane



Anthony Greener



Ian Chapman

By Lawrence Lever

The 15-man Guinness board is sharply divided over whether Mr Ernest Saunders should remain as either chairman or chief executive of the company. The balance of power on the main Guinness board appears to have swung against Mr Saunders.

He will face intense pressure to resign both positions at next Wednesday's emergency board meeting and there is a possibility that he will resign both positions beforehand.

The nine-man committee of non-executive directors has the power to remove Mr Saunders as chairman. Only the full board, which includes the non-executives, Mr Saunders and five executive directors, can depose him as chief-executive as well.

Mr Saunders' future with the company hinges largely on the stance taken by the Guinness family, which has three directors on the board — the Earl of Iveagh, Mr Edward Guinness and Mr Jonathan Guinness.

Yesterday Mr Jonathan Guinness issued a statement in response to reports that he and the other Guinness family members of the board thought Mr Saunders should step down as chairman.

"I have never advocated that Ernest Saunders should step down as chairman," he said. "I did say that he is a man under pressure and the pressure on him must be relieved."

Mr Guinness added that he had no knowledge of a change in the views of the Guinness family.

The Earl of Iveagh, Mr Saunders' predecessor as chairman of the company, also issued a statement saying he had "received no indication from the family interests of any change in their attitude".

Privately, however, the Guinness members are understood to have become concerned during the progress of the company's own internal investigation.

Yesterday's statements contained no firm indication of support for Mr Saunders ahead of next Wednesday's meeting.

The internal investigation, which started as soon as Mr Saunders returned from his Swiss skiing holiday last weekend, appears to have caused a hardening of attitudes among the five independent directors too.

For most of last week they took the view that Mr Saunders should at least stand down as chairman during the DTI investigation, and their majority on the nine-man non-executive committee means they can force this through.

However, there is now a strong possibility that the independent non-executive directors will be joined by the three Guinness family directors.

Together they would have an 8 to 7 majority on the full board, enabling them to outvote Mr Saunders and his supporters.

Mr Saunders' clear supporters on the board all joined the company subsequent to his appointment to the Guinness board in October 1981 from Nestlé.

They include Mr Olivier Roux, the finance director also under strong pressure to stand down, who is on secondment from Bain and Company and was appointed to the board in 1984.

Another executive director likely to support Mr Saunders is Mr Victor Steel, managing director of Guinness Brewing Worldwide, who joined the board in October 1985. Mr Brian Baldock, the executive director in charge of retailing operations (including Guinness's health and leisure and publishing interests), joined the board in June 1986 and also supports Mr Saunders.

The final executive director to support Mr Saunders is Mr Shaun Dowling, appointed in August 1986, who heads Guinness's commercial section with responsibility for the company's glass, catering and food sections, among others.

Two non-executive directors appear clearly in favour of Mr Saunders. Mr Thomas Ward, an American lawyer, was a key Guinness figure during the takeover bid for Distillers. Mr Ward became a director in January 1985 and is the senior partner of Ward, Lazarus, Crowe and Cihlar, a firm of Washington lawyers.

Dr Arthur Fürer became a non-executive director of Guinness in October 1983. He is a director of Nestlé, Mr Saunders' former employer, as well as chairman of Bank Leu AG, the Swiss Bank.

Together with Mr Saunders, the directors mentioned above make up the seven pro-Saunders directors.

The five independent non-executive directors were appointed last year as part of the revised proposals for the Guinness board, after the decision to drop the plan for Sir Thomas Risk, the governor of the Bank of Scotland, to become chairman.

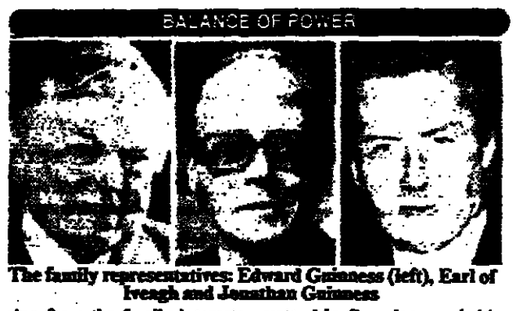
They include Mr Ian Maclaurin, the chairman of Tesco, who has been away on business in Australia this week. Mr Maclaurin, who is flying back on Sunday, has been kept in touch with this week's events by the other independent directors.

He and three other independent directors were appointed in September last year after the "Risk" extraordinary general meeting.

The other three independent directors appointed in September are Mr Anthony Greener, managing director of Alfred Dunhill, Sir Norman Macfarlane, chairman of the Macfarlane Group, and Sir David Plastow, managing director and chief executive of Vickers.

The fifth independent director — Mr Ian Chapman — is chairman of William Collins, the publishers. He was only appointed last month.

BALANCE OF POWER



The family representatives: Edward Guinness (left), Earl of Iveagh and Jonathan Guinness

FOR



Ernest Saunders



Ward — Roux



Baldock — Steel



Dowling — Dr Fürer

Tory MP hits at Burton package

By Cliff Feltham

Burton's controversial multi-million pound share option scheme was strongly attacked last night by a Conservative MP who claimed it would seriously harm the City's reputation.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, a former stockbroker, said the big institutions should use their influence to amend the scheme which was "generous to the point of avarice".

He said: "The City is under enough fire at the moment without the view being taken that only personal greed can motivate management."

The Tory MP was planning to launch a major onslaught on the share option package at a meeting of the Birmingham Conservative Association.

He said he had already urged Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Consumer Affairs, to intervene.

Burton's share option scheme, which has disturbed members of a City watchdog body, enables up to 80 executives to collect options worth eight times their salary if the company reaches certain targets. The deal could be worth £8 million for the chairman, Sir Ralph Halpern, already the country's best-paid businessman.

Mr Beaumont-Dark said: "Sir Ralph may have done a very good job at Burton but he has been paid over £1 million to do it. Most sensible people would be well satisfied. Management must not run away with the idea that they have come down from heaven and are irreplaceable.

"People running our manufacturing industry earn a tenth of that. If institutions let this kind of avarice become rampant, their reputations will suffer."

Murdoch lifts bid for H&WT

By Our City Staff

Mr Rupert Murdoch yesterday raised his bid for the Herald and Weekly Times media group to Aus$2.3 billion (£1.03 billion) to top his rival, Mr Robert Holmes à Court, by $230 million.

Mr Murdoch's News Corporation is now offering $15 cash for H&WT stock, compared with the $13.50 from Mr Holmes à Court, with a paper alternative worth $15.80. He has also regained the favour of H&WT's board which backed his original $12 offer before switching allegiance.

There was no reaction yesterday from Mr Holmes à Court, who had persuaded the Victoria Supreme Court to freeze Mr Murdoch's first bid on the grounds that as a US citizen, he would contravene TV and radio station ownership laws if he won H&WT.

However, Mr Murdoch has already taken moves to head off any government action by pledging to sell off H&WT's two TV stations and five radio stations within six months.

Australia's Trade Practices Commission said yesterday it was satisfied by News Corporation undertakings to sell the Brisbane *Daily Sun*, the Brisbane *Sunday Sun* and *The News* in Adelaide and arrange for H&WT to sell the Perth *Daily News* if it won the battle.

Allied-Lyons captures Drybrough for £48m

By Michael Tate

Allied-Lyons has bought Drybrough, the Scottish brewery and pub chain, from Grand Metropolitan for £48.5 million in a deal which establishes Allied as credible third force in the Scottish brewery market.

Drybrough, which owns a brewery at Craigmillar, Edinburgh, and 187 public houses, 155 of them in Scotland, will be amalgamated with Allied's Alloa Brewery, which has 243 Scottish pubs.

The enlarged business will claim more than 14 per cent of the Scottish beer market which has been dominated for years by Bass — whose Tennants offshoot speaks for around 50 per cent of the market — and Scottish Breweries, part of the Scottish & Newcastle group, which is estimated to have about 30 per cent.

Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, chairman and chief executive of Allied-Lyons, described the acquisition as "a perfect fit, which greatly strengthens Allied's position in Scotland and increases its British market share."

The move is expected to herald a major expansion drive by Allied in Scotland. Mr Tony Warde-Norbury, a director of Allied-Lyons and chairman of Alloa Brewery, said yesterday: "We are now a realistic size to grow effectively. We believe that in time we can increase our market share in Scotland significantly."

The price has been satisfied in cash which was raised through a placing of 14.28 million Allied shares with clients of stockbroker Cazenove at 347p a share.

For GrandMet the deal represents a further step in the rationalization of its brewing and retailing division. Over the past year it has sold its Continental breweries and Watney Mann & Truman Maltings, and has closed its Manchester Brewery. At the same time it has invested more than £100 million in its public house and restaurant development. Tempus, page 23

US jobless figures fall below 8m

By Mohsin Ali
New York

Unemployment in the United Statesfell to 6.7 per cent in December from a revised 6.9 per cent in November — and wholesale prices remained in check last month, the Reagan Administration reported.

Producer prices, an indicator of underlying inflation, fell 2.5 per cent in 1986— the biggest drop in 37 years.

The number of jobless Americans in December dipped below 8 million for the first time since last January.

ECC increases bid for Bryant by £50 million

By Alexandra Jackson

English China Clays yesterday raised its bid for Solihull based housebuilder, Bryant Holdings by £50 million, valuing the business at around £187 million.

However, Mr Chris Bryant, the chairman of Bryant, responded to the increased and final offer by saying: "The bid still does not reflect the asset value of the company nor the skills inherent in the business. We continue to reject it."

Sir Alan Dalton, chairman of English China Clays said: "We are convinced of the industrial logic behind the bid and are confident that we will succeed. On the basis of the information available to us, we do not expect any significant dilution in our earnings per share."

English China Clays is offering nine of its own shares for every 16 Bryant shares — equivalent to 183 pence per Bryant share. There is a cash or note alternative of 180p.

It is understood that English China Clays now holds approximately 18 per cent of Bryant. Tempus, page 23

Pleasurama chief suddenly walks out after policy disagreement

By Our City Staff

Mr George Martin, the chairman and chief executive of Pleasurama, the casinos and leisure group, unexpectedly announced his resignation last night "following a disagreement over the policy and direction of the group."

The abrupt departure of Mr Martin, who has been the driving force behind the group, stunned the stock market and the shares immediately slumped 15p to 316p.

There was speculation that a boardroom rift had been caused over the group's acquisition policy.

Last year Pleasurama failed to agree terms for a £500 million merger with the Mount Charlotte hotel chain and was widely thought to have been busy seeking out another deal.

Pleasurama's name has been linked with Vaux, the North-east regional brewer.

Mr Nat Solomon, the former chairman of Pleasurama, has taken over in a non-executive role.

Mr Warren Tuddenham has been appointed managing director and two other boardroom appointments have been made.

Mr Martin, who is 41, joined the company in 1974 and was earning about £150,000 a year.

M&S expands its financial services

Licensed to take cash

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Marks and Spencer, in line with other big retailers moving into the profitable field of financial services, has gained a deposit-taking licence.

The Bank of England has granted the licence to St Michael Financial Services, the group's financial services arm responsible for the M&S credit card launched nearly two years ago.

The licence allows the holder to accept deposits from the public, and the licensee to offer a number of credit facilities. It also means that St Michael Financial Services will fall under the Bank's supervision and will have to observe prudential requirements.

But it appears to be premature to expect M&S — Britain's largest retailer — to branch into wider consumer finance arrangements. The company says the licence is, certainly for the time being, only to regularize a position that has emerged from its credit card operation.

Its credit card business is significant: 1.3 million cards in issue with an average transaction value of £24. When customers repay their debts, they frequently leave credit balances on their card accounts to cover future expenditure. The credit balances are, in effect, deposits and the new licence is in recognition of this.

But M&S insists it has no plans to use the licence to introduce other banking operations. The credit card was launched as a direct aid to the retailing operations and M&S shows no desire to deviate from that policy. The only hint it has given so far of developing its financial services is that it may expand its credit card for use outside M&S stores.

The restraint with which M&S wants to use its deposit-taking licence comes as a relief to many bankers who have been worried by retailers' moves into financial services.

They are concerned that the public finds retailers more approachable than banks and are more willing to buy their financial services. Retailers can also sell their services to the public directly through their high street shops.

Although many retailers have set up in-house credit cards, M&S is one of the few with a deposit-taking licence. Burton Group, the second-largest clothes retailer, has held a licence through its Welbeck Finance company for some time. Welbeck offers a spread of financial services and plans to issue mortgages soon. The Debenhams shops, owned by Burton Group, also offer a sharedealing services operated by Quilter Goodison, the stockbroker.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2006.89 (+4.64)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 18810.36 (+31.62)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2561.73 (–41.60)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 271.3 (–5.2)
Sydney: AO ..... 1535.2 (+5.3)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1913.5 (–74.0)
Brussels:
General ..... 3987.86 (–9.56)
Paris: CAC ..... 407.2 (+1.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen .. 558.90 (–14.20)
London: FT. A ..... n/a
FT. Gilts ..... 85.31 (+0.10)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11⅛–11 1/16%
3-month eligible bills: 10 11/16–21/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 5 15/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.37-5.36%*
30-year bonds 101 29/32–18/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4780	$: £1.4775*
£: DM2.8318	$: DM1.9180*
£: SwFr2.3700	$: SwFr1.6055*
£: FFr9.4296	$: FFr6.3975*
£: Yen233.52	$: Yen158.10*
£: Index88.8	$: Index107.9
ECU £0.730012	SDR £0.834423

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Cookson Group ..... 502p (+26p)
Redland ..... 444p (+12p)
BM Group ..... 237p (+22p)
United Scientific ..... 175p (+15p)
Vickers ..... 444p (+13p)
Southend Stadium ..... 344p (+20p)
Tesco ..... 422p (+14p)
Body Shop ..... 795p (+20p)
Dixons ..... 345p (+11p)
Lincroft Kilgour ..... 275p (+25p)
ICI ..... 1156p (+17p)
Lowe Howard ..... 371p (+20p)
Hill Samuel ..... 450p (+17p)
Kleinwort ..... 588p (+35p)
Schroders ..... 753p (+18p)
Close Bros. ..... 308p (+20p)
Reckitt & Colman ..... 918p (+11p)
RTZ ..... 719p (+20p)

FALLS:
Pilkington ..... 620p (–15p)
Midland Bank ..... 689p (–11p)
Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $402.25 pm-$402.00
close $404.00-404.50 (£273.75-274.25)
New York:
Comex $404.20-404.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) pm $18.35bbl ($18.33)
* Denotes latest trading price

WALL STREET

Profit-takers peg Dow back in early trading

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares retreated on profit-taking in early trade yesterday following the record advance since Friday last week.

Declining shares outnumbered advancing issues for the first time in the New Year. Some traders detected late on Thursday that the rally was losing speed.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which crossed the 2,000-mark for the first time on Thursday, fell 6.61 to 1,995.64 at one stage when the transport indicator was down 2.31 to 840.96 and the utilities average 1.04 lower at 217.12. The 65 stocks average declined 2.61 to 773.51.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index fell 0.77 to 256.51 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index was down 0.35 to 147.20.

A lower bond market was one of the factors undermining share prices after news that non-farm wages had registered a rise in December, according to analysts.

IBM fell ⅝ to 122¼, continuing on a downward path.

	Jan 8	Jan 7
AMR	55⅞	56⅝
ASA	37	37¼
Aetna Life	60½	59½
Allied Signal	44⅜	43⅞
Allis Chimrs	2⅜	2¾
Alcoa	36⅝	36⅝
Amax Inc	12⅜	12⅜
Am'rda Hs	24⅜	24⅜
Am Brands	45⅛	45⅜
Am Can	90¾	89½
Am Cynm'd	82¾	81⅞
Am El Pwr	29⅛	29⅜
Am Express	62⅝	61⅛
Am Home	80⅜	79⅛
Am Motors	3	3
Am St'nrd	45	44⅜
Am Teleph	25⅛	25⅜
Amoco	69⅜	69
Armco Steel	6⅜	6
Asarco	15⅜	15⅛
Ashland Oil	56⅝	57⅜
At Richfield	65	63½
Avon Prods	27⅞	27⅞
Bkrs Tst NY	48⅜	48⅜
Bankamer	14⅝	14⅝
Bk of Boston	42⅜	42⅛
Bank of NY	40⅜	40
Beth Steel	7⅜	7½
Boeing	51⅜	51
Boe Cascde	66⅝	65½
Briden	50⅜	49⅜
Bg Warner	40⅜	39⅝
Brist Myers	68⅛	68⅜
BP	44⅜	44⅛
Burl'ton Ind	44⅛	44⅜
Burl'ton Nth	58⅜	58
Brunswick	36⅜	36⅛
Cmpbell Sp	58⅜	58½
Can Pacific	13⅜	14
Caterpillar	40⅜	41
Celanese	241¼	240¼
Central SW	36⅛	36⅝
Champion	35⅝	34
Chase Man	39⅛	37⅜
Chm Bk NY	45⅞	44½
Chevron	46⅝	47⅜
Chrysler	41⅜	40⅛
Citicorp	56⅛	55⅞
Clark Equip	20½	20⅜
Coca Cola	39⅞	39
Colgate	44⅛	44
CBS	137⅞	136½
C'mbia Gas	47⅞	47
Cmb'tn Eng	32	32¼
Comwlth Ed	36⅛	36
Cons Eds	49⅛	49
Cn Nat Gas	34⅛	33⅝
Cons Power	16⅛	16⅝
Cntrl Data	25⅝	25⅜
Corning Gl	56⅜	56⅝
CPC Intl	84⅛	84
Crane	37⅜	37
Curtiss Wrt	54⅛	53⅝
Data Genl.	33⅛	34⅛
Deere	23⅜	23⅜
Delta Air	49⅛	49⅜
Detroit Ed	18	17⅝
Digital Eq	112⅝	111⅜
Disney	48⅜	49
Dow Chem	64	63⅜
Dresser Ind	22⅜	21½
Duke Power	48⅜	48⅜
Du Pont	90	89⅝
Estm Kodak	71	71⅛
Eaton Corp	77⅛	77
Emerson El	90⅜	90
Emery Air	11⅜	11
Exxon Corp	73⅜	73⅜
Fed Dpt Sts	88	88⅛
Firestone	28⅜	28⅛
Fst Chicago	31⅛	31⅝
Fst Int Bncp	56	55⅝
Fst Penn C	9½	9½
Ford	62⅝	63¼
FT Wachva	39⅜	39⅝
GAF Corp	40⅜	40½
GTE Corp	60⅜	60
Gen Corp	76⅛	76⅛
Gen Dy'mcs	73⅜	72⅝
Gen Electric	90	91
Gen Inst	20⅝	19⅞
Gen Mills	45⅝	45⅜
Gen Motors	68⅜	68⅜
Gn Pb Ut ny	24⅛	24⅛
Genesco	3⅜	3⅝
Georg'a Pac	41⅜	41⅜
Gillette	52⅛	52⅜
Goodrich	46⅝	46⅛
Goodyear	44⅛	43⅜
Gould Inc	18⅛	17⅜
Grace	53½	52⅝
Gt Att & Tac	24⅜	24⅜
Gr'hnd	39⅜	39⅝
Grumman Cor	25⅝	25⅜
Gulf & West	69⅜	68⅛
Heinz H.J.	42	41⅞
Hercules	56⅝	55
H'lett-Pkrd	45⅝	44⅛
Honeywell	60⅜	60¼
IC Inds	25⅜	25
Ingersoll	60⅜	61½
Inland Steel	20⅞	20⅝
IBM	122⅜	122⅝
INCO	12⅜	12⅛
Int Paper	80	81
Int Tel Tel	57⅜	56⅜
Irving Bank	50⅜	49⅝
Jhnsn & Jhn	66⅝	66⅜
Kaiser Alum	14⅜	14⅜
Kerr McGee	23⅜	23⅝
Kim'ly Clrk	67⅜	67⅜
K Mart	47⅜	47⅛
Kroger	31	30⅜
L.T.V. Corp	2⅛	2⅛
Litton	80⅜	77⅜
Lockheed	53⅛	51⅜
Lucky Strs	27⅛	27⅞
Man H'wer	47⅞	47⅜
Manville Cp	1⅞	2
Masco	56⅛	59
Marine Mid	49⅛	47⅜
Mrt Marietta	40	39⅜
Masco	30⅜	30⅛
McDonalds	64⅜	64⅜
McDonnell	77⅞	76⅜
Mead	61	61⅛
Merck	123½	128
Minsta Mng	120⅜	120⅜
Mobil Oil	40⅜	40⅛
Monsanto	79	77⅞
Morgan J.P.	92⅜	88⅜
Motorola	39⅜	37⅞
NCR Corp	51⅜	49⅝
NL Indstrs	5⅛	5⅛
Nat Distrs	51⅛	49⅛
Nat Med Ent	23⅜	23
Nat Smcndt	12	11⅞
Norfolk Sth	85⅛	85⅛
NW Bancrp	39⅛	39⅝
Occidnt Pet	30	29⅝
Ogden	47⅞	45
Olin Corp	43⅜	42⅜
Owens-Ill	53⅜	52⅜
Pac Gas El	25⅞	25⅝
Pan Am	4⅛	4⅛
Penney J.C.	78⅜	78⅛
Pennzoil	69⅛	67⅜
Pepsico	27⅜	27⅜
Pfizer	66	65⅛
Phelps Dge	23⅛	22½
Philip Mrs	77	76⅝
Phillips Pet	11⅛	11⅛
Polaroid	71⅛	71⅜
PPG Ind	78	78½
Prctr Gmbl	80	79
Pb S E & G	43⅝	43
Raytheon	70⅜	69½
Rynlds Met	44⅛	45
Rockwell Int	48⅝	48⅜
Royal Dutch	97⅞	97⅛
Sara Lee	38⅜	37⅞
SFE Sopac	31⅛	30⅜
Schl'berger	34⅛	32⅝
Scott Paper	66½	66
Seagram	63⅝	63⅝
Sears Rbck	43⅝	43½
Shell Trans	59⅝	59⅜
Singer	40⅜	39⅜
Smithkln Bk	95⅜	95⅜
Sony	20⅜	21⅛
Sth Cal Ed	35⅛	34⅝
S'Wstn Bell	114⅛	114
Std Oil	53⅛	52⅝
Sterling Drg	47⅜	47⅜
Stevens JP	40⅜	40⅜
Sun Comp	57⅜	57⅜
Teledyne	314⅜	306
Tennaco	40⅜	40⅜
Texaco	37⅜	37⅜
Texas E Cor	30	29
Texas Inst	124⅛	120
Texas Utils	33⅜	33⅜
Textron	66⅛	65⅜
Travlrs Cor	48⅜	47⅜
TRW Inc	91⅜	90⅜
UAL Inc	53⅜	54⅛
Unilever NV	241⅞	241⅞
Unisys	97⅞	96⅜
Un Carbide	25	24⅜
Un Pac Cor	64⅝	65⅛
Utd Brands	38	38⅛
USG Corp	40⅜	40⅜
Utd Technol	48⅜	48⅛
USX Corp	22	22⅜
Unocal	28⅛	28⅝
Jim Walter	51⅛	50
Wmer Lmbt	81⅜	80⅝
Wells Fargo	108⅞	107
W'stghse El	62¼	61⅞
Weyerh'aer	40⅜	40⅝
Whirlpool	35⅝	35⅞
Woolworth	43⅜	41⅞
Xerox Corp	63⅛	63
Zenith	23⅞	24⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	29⅝	28½
Alcn Alum	41⅞	41½
Algoma Stl	11	11
Can Pacific	19⅛	19⅛
Cominco	13⅜	13⅜
Con Bathrst	31⅜	30⅝
Hlnr/Std Can	25⅝	25⅛
Hdsn B Min	22⅞	23⅛
Imasco	34⅜	34½
Imperial Oil	51⅜	51⅛
In Pipe	41⅛	40¾
Ryl Trustco	30⅜	31
Seagram	67⅜	67
Steel Co	19	19
Thmsn N 'A'	31⅜	31
Vanity Corp	2.70	2.75
WCT	13⅜	13⅜
Weston	35⅜	35

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Jan 5	Jan 16	Apr 2	Apr 13
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18

Call options were taken out on: 9/1/87 Tyzack, Skyline, Ranger, BSR, Sintrom, Hawley, Datron, Woodhouse, Kingsley, Trisentrol, Bryson, TSB, Brown & Jackson, Richardsons Westgarth, AJ Worthington, GEC, New London, Fenner, Renold, Lee Intnl., Stewart Nairn, Ryan Hotel, Ryan Intnl., Racal, Greenwich Resources, Wellcome, Nolton, Early's of Witney, Amstrad, Pentland, Fine Art, Cookson, Really Useful, Sounds Diffusion, Rothmans, Sunleigh, Casket, Acorn, Borland,British Land, Fairline Boats, Microscope, Armour Trust, Ratner, Cifer.
Puts: North Kalgurli Mines, British Benzol, Wellcome.
Put & Call: Richardsons Westgarth.

Barrow approached by Yule's rivals

By Alison Eadie

Yule Catto, the industrial chemicals, building products and plantations group bidding for Barrow Hepburn, is not the only interested party.

Other companies have approached Barrow, but Mr Ray Way, chief executive, says he is not deliberately seeking a white knight. He declined to name the companies.

Market speculation centres on BTB, the former British Tar Products which is involved in chemical manufacture, W Canning, a maker of specialty chemicals and McLeod Russel, the plantations group which has paint manufacturing interests. McLeod is believed to have been buying shares in Barrow, but no directors were available yesterday to comment.

Mr Way is busy beating a path to the institutional shareholders' doors. He has already seen institutions accounting for about 40 per cent of Barrow's equity.



Ray Way: beating a path to institutions' doors

Mr Way's message is that Yule's offer of 52p a share is ridiculously low. Last year was admittedly not a good year, but only because the unexpected appreciation of the Italian lira against the dollar hurt the margins of the Italian engineering subsidiary Rizzi.

Rizzi, which has a strong order book, has now persuaded its customers to buy in lira or marks

This year should, therefore, be much better, Mr Way said. The dividend estimate for 1986 showing an 8 per cent increase was a sign of confidence, he said.

Stockbrokers' expectations are for pretax profits this year of about £3 million, putting the present bid on a prospective p/e of 10½. Barrow's defenders argue that the chemicals operations, which are the fast growing part of the company and the main attraction to Yule, demand a much higher rating and a bid below 65p should not stand a chance.

Westminster Press sale

Westminster Press has agreed to sell two newspaper groups for £3.3 million in a management buyout.

Reporter Newspapers (Gravesend) and Kentish Times (Sidcup) are being bought by four senior members of the management with financial support from City institutions.

The main freehold properties at Sidcup will be excluded from the sale of the two Kent groups.

The sale completes the reorganization of Westminster Press to concentrate on daily newspaper and non-suburban weekly newspaper centres, supported by free newspapers.

Foseco Minsep plans to sell US subsidiary

By Richard Lander

Foseco Minsep, the speciality chemicals manufacturer trying to revive its fortunes, is to sell its subsidiary Gibson-Homans, an American manufacturer of adhesives and roofcoverings. Foseco's shares jumped 9½p to 252½p on the news.

This is the first disposal in a rationalization plan being undertaken by Mr Bob Jordan, who became group managing director last April. The company said poor conditions in America, particularly in the steel industry, were largely responsible for the 35 per cent drop in earnings per share in the first half of last year.

Mr Jordan yesterday would not disclose the asking price for Gibson, but said he did not expect any write-offs to result from the sale. Gibson, bought for $40 million (£27 million) two years ago, is valued in the company's books at $23 million.

"Gibson will probably balance costs this year but in the long term I can't see it making returns of 10 per cent on sales, which is what I demand from the group," Mr Jordan added.

APPOINTMENTS

Hambros Bank: Mr C E Hambro has been appointed an assistant director.

ARCO Merseyside: Mr Bill Ritchie is to be divisional director.

British Credit Trust: Mr Robin Ford has been made credit director.

Barker & Dobson: Mr Keith Bidder has been appointed UK sales director, confectionery division. Mr Michael Jackson becomes production director.

Greyhound Guaranty: Mr Paul Gottlieb has been appointed managing director.

Hyde & Partners: Mr Bren Nevin has been elected to full board membership.

Warman International: Mr P A Wheeler becomes marketing director.



Gordon Bond

Wiggins Teape Group: Mr Gordon Bond has been appointed chief executive, carbonless papers operations.

Sarasin International: Mr Thomas Service is finance director.

Hogg Robinson (Benefit Consultants): Mr Peter Nunn is appointed director, corporate sales.

The English Trust: Mr B Danielsson, Mr R Barneus, Mr C Ragner and Mr A Smids join the board.

Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association: Lord Farnham becomes an additional deputy chairman.

Conway Leisure Products: Mr David Lowe becomes managing director.

Rover completes sale of Unipart

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

The state-owned Rover Group yesterday completed the sale of the Unipart components and parts subsidiary to a consortium of management and City institutions.

The 4,000 employees, who this week have been treated to a three-hour theatrical floor show on the wonders of share ownership, will be offered 12 per cent of the shares. A group of 70 managers have subscribed for an initial 10 per cent interest which could double to 20 per cent if the company achieves certain performance targets.

The managers and employees were offered more favourable terms than institutional investors in order to encourage share ownership.

Under the terms of the deal, loss-making Rover could eventually receive up to £52 million for Unipart. An initial payment of £30 million has been made, £7 million will be due at the company's stock market flotation — hopefully within three years — and a further £15 million will depend on Unipart's trading performance.

Rover is retaining a 21.67 per cent stake in the new holding company UGC (Unipart Group of Companies) and has subscribed £3.15 million for this shareholding.

The rest of the shares have been bought by six institutions led by Electra Investment Trust, Globe Investment Trust and Charterhouse Development Capital. Also included are Investors in Industry, Standard Life and Citicorp. The buyout has been organized by Charterhouse Bank.

Unipart's 1986 first half results showed a 32 per cent profits increase to £5.3 million and the company is thought to have made up to £11 million in the full year. The assets sold by Rover have a book value of £73 million.

Further Rover subsidiaries due to be sold are Leyland Bus, the computer and data service company Istel, and component factory Llanelli Radiators. Discussions are continuing about the future of Leyland Trucks.

Hambros company regains old name

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

The Hambros group of companies has re-named the property company it set up last year, marking its entry back into commercial property development.

Sida Holdings, bought by Hambros in 1986, will now be known as Berkeley Hambro Property company. Hambros owns 75 per cent of the company with Guardian Royal Exchange, the insurance company owning the remaining 25 per cent.

Berkeley Hambro Property will have a £17 million development programme this year. Hambros sold its 43 per cent stake in the original Berkeley Hambro company with assets of over £75 million in 1982 to Town & City Properties, now part of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Hambros has now acquired the name Berkeley Hambro from P&O.

The aim of the company is to have 50 per cent of its profits coming from retained investments and the rest from the sale of developments.

COMPANY NEWS

● **CARCLO ENGINEERING:** Half-year to Sept.30. Interim dividend of 4p (same). Turnover £23.41 million (£17.35 million). Pretax profit £2.11 million (£1.75 million). Earnings per share, fully diluted, were 20.8p (18.1p).

● **LONDON AND CONTINENTAL ADVERTISING:** MAI's offers have been accepted by the holders of 1.7 million ordinary shares (5.97 per cent) and of £256,965 of convertible loan stock (27.74 per cent). MAI now holds 8.57 million ordinary shares (29.99 per cent as enlarged by the rights issue). The offers will remain open until Jan.9.

● **WAGON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS:** Contract Engineers, a Coventry-based manufacturer of specialist toolholders, has been bought. The price is £550,000, with a further £250,000 depending on future performance.

● **STANLEY LEISURE ORGANISATION:** Results for the 26 weeks to October 26, 1986 in £000s. Interim 1.75p (nil), payable February 19. Turnover 27,071 (22,948). Pretax profit 1,301 (1,036). Tax 468 (412). Earnings per share (weighted average) 7.8p (6p).

● **STEWART WRIGHTSON HOLDINGS:** The company has completed the acquisition of Major Surplus Holdings and SL Alexander. The consideration for both is not expected to exceed $14.75 million (£10 million) cash. Major Surplus is a surplus lines broker and is expected to have brokerage income of about $4.5 million in 1986. Pretax profits are expected to be about $2.5 million. Consideration is $10 million in cash plus a further sum payable equal to the net tangible assets of Major Surplus at December 31, 1986. This deferred payment is unlikely to exceed $1,500,000.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.31	89.37	89.30	89.34	3957
Jun 87	89.62	89.66	89.58	89.63	895
Sep 87	89.73	89.77	89.73	89.70	319
Dec 87	89.67	89.70	89.67	89.70	102
Mar 88	89.45	89.45	89.45	89.50	7
Jun 88	89.24	89.24	89.24	89.24	2
Previous day's total open interest 13567					
Three Month Eurodollar	Previous day's total open interest 23695				
Mar 87	94.07	94.09	94.03	94.05	5355
Jun 87	94.08	94.09	94.03	94.05	4068
Sep 87	93.96	93.96	93.96	93.96	244
Dec 87	93.80	93.81	93.77	93.78	216
US Treasury Bond	Previous day's total open interest 3197				
Mar 87	100-28	101-05	100-08	100-11	6215
Jun 87	100-02	100-02	100-02	99-17	2
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Short Gilt	Previous day's total open interest 111				
Mar 87	98-22	98-21	98-22	98-22	10
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt	Previous day's total open interest 16517				
Mar 87	115-15	115-24	115-05	115-11	25665
Jun 87	115-25	115-25	115-23	115-18	120
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100	Previous day's total open interest 2723				
Mar 87	177.10	177.70	176.50	177.20	917
Jun 87	179.40	179.40	179.40	180.20	3

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	151
British Gas (50p)	66 +½
Cap & Regional (65p)	71 –1
Daniels S (130p)	158
Fletcher King (175p)	175
Gaynor (94p)	109
Geest (125p)	173
Glentree (16p)	48
Gordon Russell (190p)	209
Guthrie Corp (150p)	170
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	110 +1
Harmony Leisure (23p)	28
Hornby (100p)	103
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	151 +1
Johnson Fry	160
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	21 +1½
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	140 +3
Logitek (65p)	67 +1
Lond. Metropolitan (145p)	168
MIL (144p)	147 +1
Mezzanine (150p)	76
Mayborn (102p)	113 +9
Nobo (152p)	153
Northumbrian Food (60p)	67 +1
Plum Hldgs (80p)	122 +2
Spandex (170p)	247 +2
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	109 –1
TSB Group (100p)	74¾ –¼
Virgin (140p)	133
Ward Group (97p)	102
Wilding Office (136p)	151 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bellhaven N/P	19 –1
Birm Mint N/P	35
Freshbake N/P	25 +2
Martlng F/P	82
New Court N/P	¼
Property Tst F/P	2½
Parkdale N/P	2½ –1½
Scarro N/P	6 +2
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10% Low 10
Week fixed: 10%

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 10¾ / 2 mnth 10²²/₃₂
3 mnth 10²¹/₃₂ / 3 mnth 10¹⁹/₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10¹³/₁₆–10²⁵/₃₂ 2 mnth 10¾–10²²/₃₂
3 mnth 10¹¹/₁₆–10²¹/₃₂ 6 mnth 10⅝–10¼

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11⁷/₁₆ 2 mnth 11⅛
3 mnth 11⁵/₁₆ 6 mnth 10¹⁵/₁₆

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11¾ close 12¼
1 week 11⅛–10⅝ 6 mnth 11–10⅜
1 mnth 11⅛–11⅛ 9 mnth 11–10⅜
3 mnth 11⅛–11⅛ 12 mnth 10²⁵/₃₂–10²³/₃₂

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10¾ 7 days 10¾
1 mnth 10¾ 3 mnth 10¾
6 mnth 10¾ 12 mnth 10¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11⅛–11⅜ 2 mnth 11⅛–11⅛
3 mnth 11⅛–11⅛ 6 mnth 11⅛–11⅛
9 mnth 11⅜–11¼ 12 mnth 11⅛–11⅛

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11⅛–11 3 mnth 11–10¹⁵/₁₆
6 mnth 10⅞–10¾ 12 mnth 10¹¹/₁₆–10¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.15–6.10 3 mnth 6.00–5.90
6 mnth 5.95–5.90 12 mnth 6.00–5.90

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅛–5⅞
7 days	6⅛–5⅞	1 mnth	6⅛–6
3 mnth	6⅛–6	6 mnth	6¹/₁₆–5¹⁵/₁₆
Deutschmark		call	5–4
7 days	4⅞–4¾	1 mnth	4⅝–4½
3 mnth	4¹¹/₁₆–4⁹/₁₆	6 mnth	4⅜–4⅛
French Franc		call	9¼–8¾
7 days	11¼–10¾	1 mnth	12⅜–11⅜
3 mnth	10⅝–9⅝	6 mnth	9⅛–9
Swiss Franc		call	2¼–1¾
7 days	1⅞–1¾	1 mnth	3⁹/₁₆–3⁷/₁₆
3 mnth	3¹³/₁₆–3¹¹/₁₆	6 mnth	3⅝–3⅜
Yen		call	5–4
7 days	4⁹/₁₆–4⁷/₁₆	1 mnth	4⅝–4¼
3 mnth	4⁷/₁₆–4⁵/₁₆	6 mnth	4⁹/₁₆–4⁷/₁₆

BULLION

Gold:$404.00-404.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 401.50-404.50 (£272.00-274.25)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 95.00-96.00 (£64.25-65.00)
Platinum
$ 505.50 (£342.95)
Silver
$ 5.4400-5.4600 (£3.6850-3.7050)

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £267M allotted: £100M
Bids: £97.37% received: 30%
Last week: £97.37% received: £10%
Avge rate: £10.5327% last wk £10.4727%
Next week: £100M replace £100M

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 9	Market rates close January 9	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4740-1.4785	1.4775-1.4785	0.54-0.51prem	1.78-1.73prem
Montreal	2.0188-2.0283	2.0234-2.0283	0.58-0.46prem	1.48-1.4prem
Amst'dam	3.1905-3.2077	3.1873-3.2017	1¼-1prem	4⅜-3¾prem
Brussels	58.92-59.10	58.98-59.10	6-10prem	32-24prem
Cpnhgn	10.7180-10.7594	10.7267-10.7443	3⅜-2⅝dis	8¼-8dis
Dublin	1.0439-1.0525	1.0515-1.0525	38-28dis	73-64dis
Frankfurt	2.8249-2.8368	2.8309-2.8360	1⅝-1½prem	4¾-4½prem
Lisbon	214.54-218.09	215.05-215.93	33-214dis	212-308dis
Madrid	194.59-196.22	194.59-194.87	30-48dis	87-120dis
Milan	1698.75-2015.53	2003.52-2006.91	6-13dis	9-14dis
Oslo	10.8363-10.8758	10.8804-10.8751	5¾-6¼dis	16¾-19¾dis
Paris	9.4071-9.4481	9.4268-9.4476	2¾-2½prem	6¾-6½prem
St'khlm	9.9554-9.9877	9.9698-9.9839	1¾-1prem	3½-2¾prem
Tokyo	232.65-233.90	233.52-233.90	1¾-1½prem	3¾-3½prem
Vienna	19.95-20.04	20.01-20.03	9¾-8¾prem	26¾-23¾ prem
Zurich	2.3650-2.3800	2.3698-2.3748	1¾-1½prem	4¾-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 68.8 (day's range 68.8-68.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.3868-1.5750
Australia dollar	2.2058-2.2080
Bahrain dinar	0.5530-0.5576
Brazil cruzado*	22.1604-22.2862
Cyprus pound	0.7350-0.7450
Finland markka	8.9930-7.0380
Greece drachma	201.80-203.80
Hong Kong dollar	11.4630-11.4724
India rupee	19.05-19.25
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4275-0.4315
Malaysia dollar	3.8340-3.8389
Mexico peso	1340.0-1360.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7436-2.7561
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5015-5.5415
Singapore dollar	3.1845-3.1882
South Africa rand	3.1485-3.1642
U A E dirham	5.3870-5.4270

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4028-1.4050
Singapore	2.1680-2.1690
Malaysia	2.8020-2.8035
Australia	0.8575-0.8580
Canada	1.3702-1.3707
Sweden	6.7625-6.7675
Norway	7.3575-7.3625
Denmark	7.2700-7.2750
West Germany	1.9170-1.9180
Switzerland	1.6070-1.6085
Netherlands	2.1645-2.1655
France	6.3900-6.4000
Japan	158.00-158.10
Italy	1357.0-1359.0
Belgium(Comm)	39.92-39.97
Hong Kong	7.7795-7.7805
Portugal	145.70-146.00
Spain	131.85-131.95
Austria	13.48-13.51

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOREX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*347)	300	50	60	68	1	3	7
	330	21	36	40	3	7	15
	360	3½	16	30	16	24	28
British Gas (*66)	50	16½	18¾	20¼	½	½	½
	60	6½	9½	13	½	1½	2¾
	70	¾	4	7	4¾	5¾	6½
BP (*746)	650	96	108	115	1	9	13
	700	48	82	73	1	18	25
	750	12	27	45	16	40	45
Cons Gold (*705)	600	107	125	142	1½	8	11
	650	60	84	102	2	14	25
	700	14	46	72	17	40	50
Courtaulds (*340)	260	81	91	—	1	1	—
	280	61	71	77	1	1	2
	300	41	52	58	1	3	4
	330	12	28	34½	4	10	15
Com Union (*295)	260	35	41	47	1	4	6
	280	15	24	31	2	9	13
	300	5	14	21	11	19	24
Cable & Wire (*352)	300	55	64	75	1	3	7
	325	30	43	—	1	9	—
	350	8½	26	—	5	18	—
	375	2	—	—	25	—	—
GEC (*190)	160	32	37	42	½	1½	4
	180	12	21	27	1½	6	9
	200	2	9½	16	12	17	20
Grand Met (*456)	360	100	105	—	½	1	—
	390	70	75	—	½	1½	—
	420	41	50	68	1	5	12
	460	8	32	48	7	23	27
ICI (*1156)	1000	165	177	195	1	4	5
	1050	115	132	155	2	8	13
	1100	65	92	120	4	24	30
	1150	25	55	80	15	37	42
Land Sec (*351)	300	53	62	68	1	2	4
	330	23	36	44	1	4	8
	360	6	16	22	13	16	20
Marks & Spen (*192)	180	14	22	27	1	3	6
	200	2	9	16	10	13	16
	220	½	5	7	25	31	33
Shell Trans (*1009)	900	115	128	140	1	5	15
	950	65	78	96	1	17	27
	1000	20	40	60	12	33	45
Trafalgar House (*300)	260	41	52	58	1	3	6
	280	21	35	41	2	6	10
	300	7	20	24	7	12	17

STOCK MARKET

Wellcome set to receive US go-ahead for anti-Aids drug

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Wellcome, the pharmaceutical group which made a Valentine's Day debut on the stock market last year, is expected to have its anti-Aids drug AZT approved by the advisory committee to the US Food and Drugs Administration next Friday.

The advisory committee – a panel of medical experts – will hear evidence about the potentially life-saving drug in an open court in Washington and is expected to make its recommendation to the full FDA there and then.

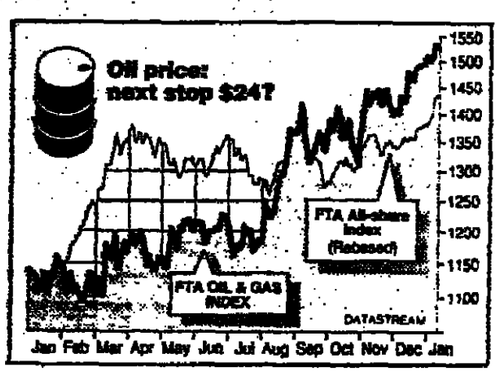
It will be the first time any drug has been considered under the new "fast track IAA" category, specially created by the US health authorities to handle all applications for Aids drugs. Experts in London say it is impossible to predict how long it will be before the FDA pronounces its final decision, which is expected to be a matter of days rather than weeks.

Approval by the FDA will release the drug for general sale in the US and although it is not expected to be of excessive value commercially – estimates of the cost of treatment range from $2,000-$4,000 per patient – its psychological and emotional importance is incalculable.

Almost nine million Wellcome shares were traded on the stock market yesterday as the share price ricochoeted from the all-time high of 271p which it reached on Thursday night, down to 238p, before bouncing back up to 250p.

Yesterday's tumble in the share price was brought about by speculation that ICN, a small Californian-based drug company, might be about to pip Wellcome to the post in the race for the Aids cure, with its anti-viral drug ribavirin. But ICN's shares were themselves falling on the over-the-counter market in New York late yesterday as analysts became increasingly sceptical about ribavirin's potential.

Mr John Reeve, the pharmaceutical analyst at Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, said: "It is certainly expected that Wellcome will get approval for AZT and it will be good news for the shares even though they are already on an extremely high rating. Aids is here to stay for several years and unless the Wellcome drug is shown to be no good, its shares will always have a premium rating."



● Rio Tinto-Zinc continues to build its chemicals side. Yesterday it said it will pay $9 million (£6.1 million) for two American companies. The strategy obviously finds favour in the market where the shares added 16p to 715p, their highest level for three months.

Lord Hanson's Hanson Trust has reduced its holding in Bowater Industries, the paper and packaging group, where it previously held 10.8 million shares (11.2 per cent). Hanson's own broker Hoare Govett and rival Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank are reckoned to have placed about six million Bowater shares, worth more than £21 million, with various institutions at about the 354p level. This takes Hanson's total holding just below the disclosable 5 per cent level.

Bowater finished 7p higher at 363p with Hanson 1p dearer at 202p as 7.5 million shares changed hands.

Boots, the high street chemist, where Hanson is also believed to have built a sizeable stake, rose 6p to 250p despite suggestions that Hanson had tried to place part of its holding. But Mr Martin Taylor, a director of Hanson, refused to comment.

The rest of the equity market continued to set new records helped by the overnight news that the Dow Jones industrial average had broken through the 2,000-level on Wall Street for the first time. The FT-SE index of the top 100 shares climbed a further 19.2 points to a record 1752.3. More than £10 billion has been added to the value of Britain's quoted companies during the past three days.

● Shares in International Signal & Control, the American space, defence and electronics group, firmed 6p to 264p on talk of a possible new order from the US Defence Department. Warburg Securities say the order book has already risen from $800 million last month to $1 billion this.

The FT 30-share index closed 13.9 points higher at 1386.4. During the long three-week account which ended yesterday, it has risen by more than 9 per cent.

Gilts rose a further £1⅛ at the longer end, helped by a firmer performance by the pound against its major rivals.

Most leaders notched up double-figure gains with ICI putting on 23p to a new high at 1162p.

Renewed heavy fighting around the Shatt al Arab waterway after a two-pronged attack by the Iranians could eventually lead to a disruption of oil supplies, say the experts. This is likely to force up the price of crude oil on world markets.

Mr Phillip Kapadia, broker at Raphael Zorn, reckons that the price of oil could go as high as $24 a barrel, shortly.

Brent crude for February delivery was trading at about $18.50 a barrel yesterday.

This prompted increased support for oil shares. Among the leaders, BP climbed 16p to 754p as nearly 4 million shares changed hands, Shell 14p to £10.19 on turnover of 3 million shares, Britoil 7.5p to 177.5p, Burmah 3p to 405p, Enterprise Oil a similar amount to 190.5p, London & Scottish Marine Oil 5p to 173p and Ultramar 5p to 181p.

Hill Samuel hit a new high with a rise of 18p to 461p. Earlier this week, it was revealed that New Zealand Insurance had accumulated a near 5 per cent stake and on Thursday FAI Insurances, a Sydney-based group, announced it had bought a 7.4 per cent stake. Both sides may have been adding to their holdings yesterday.

Other predators are said to have taken a look at the company with a view to making a bid, including American Can, the US financial services group.

Meanwhile, Morgan Grenfell, the troubled merchant bank at the centre of the Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into Guinness, continues to show signs of recovery. The price rose 9p to 404p amid hopes that the company has established itself as a potential bid target. Dealers were last night speculating about a possible bid from Nomura Securities, the world's biggest financial services group.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
355	299	Allied-Lyons	344	349	-4	14.5	4.2	16.8	7,500
168	145	ASDA-MFI	163	167	+5	4.5	2.7	19.0	8,700
458	414	BET	455	460	+5	24.3	5.3	18.5	748
300	264	BTR	297	292	+2	9.8	3.4	20.2	1,200
496	444	BAT	493	496	+10	18.4	3.7	12.9	3,500
517	485	Barclays	512	519	+13	28.1	5.4	7.4	2,800
781	703	Bass	773	783	+12	24.3	3.1	13.8	842
468	411	Beecham	455	460	-5	17.3	3.7	19.0	1,900
727	621	Blue Circle	722	727	+2	30.0	4.1	10.8	270
404½	328	BOC	395	398	-3	15.4	3.8	33.1	2,700
250	219	Boots	248	251	+6	10.8	4.2	16.3	11,000
537½	468	Br Aerospace	533	536	+3	23.4	4.4	11.3	3,200
66½	61	Br Gas	65	67	+½	9.3	14.1	..	65,000
756	668	Br Petroleum	753	758	+18	48.6	6.4	8.3	4,000
220	188	Br Telecom	214	218	..	11.2	5.2	12.8	10,000
177½	135	Bristol	176	178	+7	9.3	5.3	4.8	10,000
293	256	Burton	288	292	+5	8.1	2.8	17.7	2,800
369	277	Cable & Wireless	350	357	+8	7.2	2.0	19.4	3,800
197½	172	Cadbury Schweppes	195	196	+6	8.7	4.4	23.0	8,800
564	444	Coats Viyella	504	506	+12	17.9	3.5	15.1	788
295	257	Com Union	293	296	+3	17.4	5.9	..	3,500
712	553	Cons Goldfields	705	712	+7	35.0	4.9	20.8	2,200
341	286	Courtaulds	339	342	+13	10.2	3.0	11.5	2,800
224	201	Dee Corp	221	225	+1	10.8	4.7	18.1	1,400
360	301	Dixons Grp	345	349	+13	4.3	1.2	24.7	4,200
650	409	Fisons	578	583	+6	8.4	1.4	25.9	1,000
954	768	Gen Accident	860	867	+7	34.9	4.0	21.7	267
228	160	GEC	190	194	..	6.3	3.3	12.0	7,900
11½	887	Glaxo	11⅛	11¼	..	20.0	1.8	28.5	1,500
481	395	Grand Met	455	460	+3	14.6	3.2	13.2	2,700
11½	934	GUS 'A'	10⅝	10⅞	..	31.4	3.0	14.6	62
953	757½	GRE	828	835	+5	42.5	5.1	24.1	527
385	235	GKN	293	296	+5	17.9	6.1	9.9	1,300
355	274	Guinness	307	312	+14	11.8	3.7	11.8	7,800
215½	158	Hanson	201	203	+1	8.1	3.0	12.8	7,500
623	463	Hawker Siddeley	496	502	+4	21.4	4.3	11.0	1,000
12⅝	882	Imp Chem Ind	11½	11⅝	+⅛	48.6	4.2	13.0	3,900
594	380	Jaguar	588	593	..	12.7	2.1	12.2	2,800
409	313	Ladbroke	400	405	-2	16.8	4.2	19.2	2,400
350	302	Land Securities	347	350	+2	14.5	4.2	23.3	1,100
286	218	Legal & Gen	267	272	+4	12.3	4.6	34.4	1,000
664	352	Lloyds	463	480	+8	25.0	5.5	7.3	1,300
301	196	Lonhro	248	250	+4	17.1	6.9	12.3	1,400
231	169½	Marks & Spencer	195	198	+10	5.8	2.9	23.5	6,700
608	507	Midland	590	595	-7	37.1	6.3	22.0	1,700
625	447	Nat West	550	557	+5	27.8	5.0	5.8	1,600
578	491	P & O Dfd	545	550	+15	28.4	4.8	15.7	1,800
618	443	Pearson	597	602	..	15.4	2.6	20.0	255
891	558	Pilkington Bros	623	626	-9	21.4	3.4	16.6	5,100
246	182	Plessey	186	190	..	7.2	3.8	13.9	2,300
989	749	Prudential	857	844	+4	38.6	4.6	55.5	518
234	148	Racal Elect	184	188	-2	4.3	2.3	19.7	3,800
588	467	Rank Org	549	556	+9	22.5	4.1	18.5	610
924	734	Reckitt & Colman	913	920	+10	23.9	2.6	19.8	185
584½	379	Reuters	568	573	..	5.4	0.9	43.2	373
791	532	RTZ	718	725	+23	31.4	4.3	9.6	2,100
540	365	Rowntree	423	428	+10	18.0	4.2	11.8	3,800
967	762	Royal Ins	875	882	..	38.6	4.4	72.0	818
438	344	Sainsbury (J)	436	440	+8	8.4	1.9	25.4	861
148½	39	Sears	124½	126	+1	5.0	4.0	16.2	6,300
395	300	Sedgwick Gp	320	325	..	17.1	5.3	15.4	484
10⅝	733	Shell	10⅜	10¼	+⅛	51.4	5.0	10.1	3,200
282	112	Smith & Nephew	134	138	+4	3.5	2.6	23.0	3,000
186	122	STC	186	190	+3	2.1	1.1	17.5	2,100
894	547	Stan Chart	786	795	..	46.4	5.9	9.8	132
365	256½	Storehouse	282	287	+2	11.0	3.9	15.2	1,100
772	610	Sun Alliance	698	705	+5	27.5	3.9	63.2	1,400
102	72	TSB P/P	74½	75½	..	5.1	8.1	..	4,300
423	340	Tesco	420	425	+15	8.9	2.1	24.1	2,300
529	442	Thorn EMI	500	507	..	25.0	5.0	36.9	2,000
330	133½	Trafalgar House	297	300	+3	18.9	6.3	11.2	4,100
198	138	Trusthouse Forte	184	187	+1	7.9	4.2	18.4	3,300
22	15	Unilever	21¾	22	..	50.1	2.7	20.1	141
289	216	Utd Biscuits	239	242	+3	13.5	5.6	13.0	3,500
279	174	Wellcome	248	251	-21	3.0	1.2	30.7	8,900
925	585	Woolworth	698	708	-7	22.9	3.3	18.1	753

COMMENT

There is no such thing as a free City lunch

Is nothing sacred? For some in the City, the chill winds of competition which followed in the wake of Big Bang were bad enough. Now even that venerable institution The City Lunch is under threat too.

Engineering group GKN is the latest substantial company to decide to call a halt to those cosy occasions when its senior men go to the City to meet a few fund managers in a stockbroker's dining room. In these days when the words "insider trading" are occasionally heard even in saloon bar conversations, it is hardly surprising that companies are re-examining ways in which they communicate with the investing community in general and their major City connections in particular.

Interestingly, GKN's beef is not principally concerned with leaks of price-sensitive information but with the patchy quality of the dialogue which takes place on those occasions. Or indeed whether the executive time involved yields sufficient benefits. But most executives would be right to question whether these meetings with typically three or four institutional investors chosen by a broker, are either the most proper or the most efficient way to conduct their shareholder relations.

Whether it is intended that price sensitive information passes across the table, the City certainly believes that it does. Why else does a good deal of buying and selling of shares in the company concerned commonly follow such occasions? Has there ever been such a thing as a free lunch?

From the standpoint of a company's shareholders in general, there are a number of objections to these meetings. They are clearly selective, at the discretion of the host, and they work in of favour of the big shareholder above all others. However keenly interested she may be, Aunt Agatha is never likely to find herself on the receiving end of an invitation. It is imposible to prevent information of some value being transmitted to the privileged few. Evasive answers or even total silence often conveys a significance of sorts.

GKN's approach, to stage a couple of large-scale presentations a year followed by ample question and answer sessions, appears to be a step in the right direction. But are gatherings at six monthly intervals sufficient to keep abreast of events in complex and diverse organisations? Probably not.Some enlightened companies, Shell for example, have experimented along other lines staging seminars in areas such as the South Coast, where significant numbers ofsmall shareholders might find it convenient to attend.

It is high time for a serious debate about the most equitable and effective means of communication between business, the City and investors at large. For the City in particular, it is one of the unfinished items of business on the post Big Bang agenda. The answers are more elusive that at first they might appear, as any regular attender of stiff, uninformative annual shareholders' meetings can confirm.

Gilts taking a rosy view

Apart from the negative reason that January has not yet produced a sterling crisis, it is difficult to rationalize the strength of the gilts market over the past few days. Gilts, which gained another half a point yesterday, are already looking beyond the election to the Conservative third term, complete with membership of the European Monetary System and German, rather than Italian, inflation for Britain.

This looks unwise, to say the least. The market is reducing the risk premium on gilts just at the time when it should be rising. Peter Fellner of James Capel, the stockbroker, having conducted a long-run analysis of the risk premium – the additional real return on conventional over index-linked gilts – concludes that the premium stands at 2-2.5 per cent, no higher than its historical average.

This, given the approach of the election and the closeness of the major parties in the opinion polls, is odd. The market is taking a little too much for granted. Indeed, Mr Fellner argues, gilts have moved into a position where the potential gains from a Conservative election victory – a temporary move for long yields below 9.5 per cent from the 10-10.5 per cent level at present – are far outweighed by the potential losses.

Even if the election is merely delayed and the Prime Minister decides to wait until 1988, yields could move back up to 12 per cent later this year, according to the Capel analysis. There is also some uneasiness about market levels at Warburg Securities.

John Shepperd of Warburg Securities, the investment house, argues that long yields in the 10-10.5 per cent area do not represent a stable equilibrium. The political outlook, he suggests, points to something either a good deal better or a good deal worse, although he too thinks that any post-election fall in yields will be short-lived.

Doubts are also expressed by Stephen Hannah of County Securities. He suggests that sterling's muted response to higher oil prices could be due to an offsetting slackening of monetary conditions. Because of this, even without the election uncertainties, gilts look overbought.

TEMPUS

Hard for Bryant shareholders to resist overgenerous offer

English China Clays wants Bryant badly as its increased offer – about 40 per cent higher than the first salvo – suggests.

However, if the impressive profit forecasts and asset valuations presented by Bryant to shareholders earlier this week, are to be taken at face value, then this Midlands-based housebuilder is a more exciting company than either the market or English China Clays were led to believe.

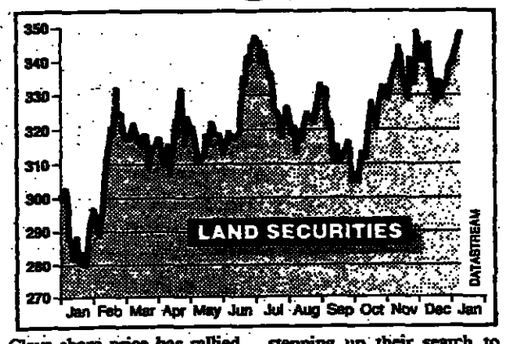
Shareholders who decided not to take up their Bryant rights last year at a mere 90p must be amazed by information being unveiled which points to the present and future strengths of a group which they could be forgiven for thinking appeared, at best, to be pedestrian.

Now Bryant's directors are estimating profits for the present year up 56 per cent at £21 million. Moreover, despite the political uncertainties which could affect the housing market, they feel confident enough to forecast profits for the year to the end of May, 1988, of £26 million.

Bryant's net asset valuation of 187 pence per share is based on the realizable value of the assets of the continuing business as at October 31 last year. It is not prepared on the same basis as the asset value which appeared in the last set of accounts nor are the assumptions used the same as those employed for the profit forecast.

An element of housing trading profit is, therefore, included in the revaluation. Stripping this out together with a proportion of the surplus arising from taking a less prudent view of construction contracts and having also excluded the pension fund surplus, then the asset valuation falls to a maximum of 150p. On this basis, ECC is paying a 20 per cent premium for the experience and good name of Bryant.

The market appears happy with ECC's increased offer as the Bryant share price is now virtually in line with the cash offer and the English China Clays share price has rallied also.



By all accounts it appears that Bryant shareholders are being offered a pretty good deal. But what about English China Clays'sshareholders?

Given the improved outlook for Bryant and a reasonable balance between the share and cash offers, there should be no dilution to English China Clays earnings of 32p for the year to the end of September, 1987. Earnings should be enhanced in 1987-88.

The interests of the two companies complement each other geographically and it appears that the trading performance of the ECC housing division is superior to that of Bryant. It will be hard for even Bryant's most loyal shareholders to reject this offer which is, if anything, overgenerous. If ECC were to fail, the price would not remain at these levels.

Property sector

Established property investment companies were not in favour last year. The bull market in other equities continued and shares of some of the newer so-called merchant developers soared, trading at a premium to net asset value.

This year, the stock market has once again begun the year in extremely bullish mood, against which the property sector appears to languish. But an interesting phenomenon is creeping into the property market. The highly rated trading companies are stepping up their search to find valuable and secure assets – selling at a discount to net asset value. The reason is that market sentiment is allowing traders to issue expensive paper to buy established companies where asset growth has been unexciting of late. The trading companies need security against the day when they can no longer find yet another large deal.

Land Securities, the sector's largest company with £2.5 billion of property assets, is a prime example of present trends. The shares are trading at a 21 per cent discount to net asset value but have stood at a higher discount. The share price is now close to that seen at the beginning of 1986, but at one point last year it fell to 279p, compared with the present net asset value of 420p.

Land Securities has a high exposure to the booming City office market with 1 million sq ft of new space on stream in the next three years. This market is expected to remain buoyant for two years, benefiting Land Securities on its March revaluation.

The company is also highly exposed to retail warehousing where values are rising and yields falling. The retail sector too is likely to see another boom year in 1987 with retail rents forecast to rise well above inflation. Another 1 million sq ft is in the pipeline for Land Securities.

But the best hope for the company's share price, despite its exposure to two strong markets which will boost net asset value, is probably bid hopes, which shored up performance in the sector last year and will do so again this year.

Allied-Lyons

Conditions in the Scottish brewery market look like being a little less cosy from now on. Yesterday's news that Allied-Lyons is acquiring Drybrough from Grand Metropolitan may not have Bass and Scottish & Newcastle quaking in their boots – they have between them traditionally dominated the Scottish beer sector – but it ought to cause them to cast an anxious look over their shoulders.

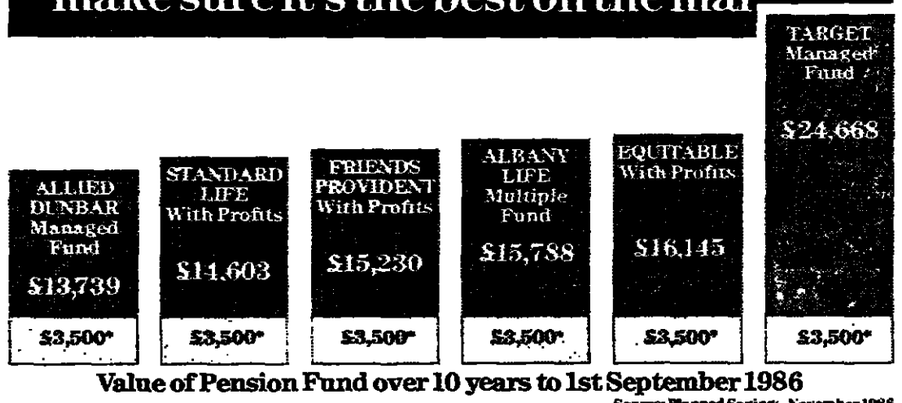
The deal, worth £48.5 million, looks a good one for both sides. It takes GrandMet one step further from front line brewing and gives Allied a far more powerful platform from which to launch a credible assault on the beer market in Scotland.

Brewing and beer-drinking in Scotland have followed different patterns to those elsewhere in Britain. The vogue for smaller breweries and local beers that developed in the late 1960s and throughout the 1970s south of the border was never followed in Scotland where big tended to remain beautiful and where lager made an earlier and even bigger impact than in the south.

Today Bass, through its Tennants offshoot, claims around half the market and S & N some 30%.

Drybrough will double Allied's share to almost 15 per cent, creating for the first time a third force. Allied will install its Skol and Castlemaine XXXX lagers in its 155 new Scottish pubs and, it seems, has negotitated to continue to sell GrandMet's Carlsberg brand through its pumps, an important move in view of the Scots' preference for lager. It looks an even better move when it is remembered that beer retailing is probably five times more profitable than wholesaling.

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General	144.6	153.8c		+3.1	2.76
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Balanced	275.5	288.0	+4.7	3.48
Accum Trust	580.6	614.8	+12.1	3.08
American Income	33.7	35.9	+0.2	4.15
High Income Tst	238.2	252.2	+4.5	4.64
Equity Income	147.2	156.0	+2.4	4.84
High Yield	152.8	162.0	+3.1	5.22
Govt Secs Trust	25.1	29.2	+0.1	0.86
International	94.8	101.6c	+0.9	0.80
Japan Fund	122.7	130.7	-1.7	0.01
Pacific Tst	204.7	216.7	+1.4	0.24
Amer Spcl Sits	69.2	73.7	+0.6	1.48
Secs Of Amer Tst	210.7	224.4	+2.4	0.91
Alt Assets Value	242.5	257.1	+3.6	3.81
Conv & Gt Tr Tst	34.9	36.8	+0.2	3.13
Smaller Co's	132.6	140.6	+1.2	3.07
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Recovery Trust	86.4	91.6	+1.0	2.64

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Finance & Property	73.6	78.7	+0.8	3.58
Rd Tst Fixed & Conv	47.5	50.0	+0.2	0.17
Do Accum	60.6	65.0	+0.6	0.17
Equity Income	60.6	65.0	+1.0	4.43
Do Accum	190.9	204.1	+3.0	4.43
High Yield Income	78.1	84.5	+0.5	6.08
Do Accum	213.6	228.3	+1.4	6.08
Int Income	86.2	91.3	+0.4	2.03
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Portfolio Tst Japan	101.5	108.1	+0.7	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	73.3	78.9	-0.4	0.66
Portfolio Tst Europe	128.2	132.6	-0.4	0.00
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500	280.6	299.9	+3.5	3.04
General	143.6	155.1	+2.5	3.06
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.8	54.5e	+0.1	10.05
Japan & Gen Inc	170.4	180.3	-1.9	0.00
Do Acc	172.4	182.4	-1.9	0.00
Growth Accum	167.6	178.5	+2.6	2.17
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Amer Smlr Co Inc	64.8	68.4c	+1.5	0.97
Do Accum	66.4	70.0c	+1.6	0.97
European Inc	103.3	108.9c	-0.5	1.20
Do Accum	107.2	114.4	-0.5	1.20
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	23.0	24.3	+0.1	2.22
Do Accum	29.6	31.2	+0.2	2.22
General Inc	170.3	179.7c	+2.3	2.50
Do Accum	223.5	244.6d	+3.3	2.50
Gilt Yield Inc	109.9	113.2	+0.5	10.22
Do Accum	181.1	186.5	+1.5	10.22
High Yield Inc	99.4	101.7	+1.2	4.98
Do Accum	255.4	261.4	+3.2	4.98
Int. Rec. Inc	107.5	113.5c	+0.5	1.98
Do Accum	113.7	120.0d	+0.5	1.98
Japan Inc	242.2	255.5	+0.5	0.20
Do Accum	243.2	256.6	+0.5	0.20
Japanese Spec Inc	110.9	117.0	-0.3	0.08
Do Accum	111.3	117.4	-0.3	0.08
N American Inc	51.3	54.1d	+0.5	0.74
Do Accum	48.2	50.8d	+0.5	0.74
Pacific Inc	142.6	150.7	-0.1	0.57
Do Accum	161.7	170.6	+0.5	0.57
Planned Investment	137.1	146.5	+2.7	3.65
Smaller Co's Inc	90.2	95.2e	+0.7	0.98
Do Accum	107.6	113.5	+0.7	0.98
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	28.3	29.8	+0.4	1.37
Do Accum	48.6	49.4	+0.8	1.37
Worldwide Tech Inc	41.9	44.2	+0.5	1.37
Do Accum	42.3	44.6	+0.5	1.37
KS High Yield Inc	136.9	144.4	+1.5	6.38
Do Accum	231.1	243.8	+3.0	5.38

BROWN SHIPLEY
8-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	141.4	151.2	+0.7	2.85
Smaller Co's Acc	247.4	265.8	+1.6	..
Do Income	159.0	167.2	+1.1	0.05
High Income	70.3	73.1	+1.0	5.45
Income	81.2	86.8	+1.3	4.44
Man Portfolio Inc	70.3	73.4	+1.0	2.57
Recovery	118.1	127.4	+3.0	..
North American	78.7	82.7	+0.5	1.42
Orient	88.1	94.2	+0.4	0.23

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fellowship Inc	51.4	54.7	..	3.00
General Inc (4)	331.5	341.9	+5.1	2.90
Do Accum (4)	372.8	393.6	+5.8	2.90
Income Fund (3)	105.3	110.3	..	4.65
Do Accum (3)	183.2	197.0	..	4.65
Intl Inc (2)	135.5	144.8	..	0.83
Do Accum (2)	184.4	192.5	..	0.83
Smaller Inc (5)	61.8	65.5e	..	2.51
Do Accum	66.4	70.4 s	..	2.51

C& FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1149

C& Japan Fund	85.2	90.6	-0.3	0.55

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	298.0	318.4	+4.0	2.66
Income	347.4	369.8	+4.2	4.45
Fist Stock	247.0	261.4	+1.4	0.24
North American	154.5	163.5	+2.2	0.56
Global	58.4	62.5	+0.5	0.80
European	57.8	60.5	-0.5	1.28
Japan	61.3	64.9	+0.8	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	391.4	405.8	+2.8	1.74
Income	300.3	319.5	+4.5	4.85
North American	236.5	313.5	+8.8	1.17

CATER ALLEN
1, King William St, EC4N 7AU
01-623 8314

Gilt Trust	50.9		+0.5	..

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fixed	418.9		..	4.46
Fixed Int	135.8		..	10.53
Deposit	100.0		..	10.69

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
27/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 3822

S & C Special Sits	57.3	60.8	..	0.80

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
25, Finsbury Circus, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	394.6		..	4.94
Accum	£11.157		..	10.70
Deposit	100.0		..	10.70

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
15, Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373353

Amer Growth	25.7	27.2	+0.5	1.80
Equity High Income	46.0	48.7	+0.6	4.80
General Property	42.1	44.0	+0.1	2.80
General Equity	41.8	43.4	+0.6	2.82
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	28.8	30.4	+0.1	3.80
Gilt & Fixed Inc	29.1	29.1	..	10.80
Intl Inc	36.1	37.7	-0.1	0.00
Japan Growth	34.8	36.9	..	0.80
Pedgree Gth	25.4	26.9	+0.4	2.50

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

Energy Trust	50.8	53.7	+0.2	3.68
Extra Income	174.7	184.9e	+1.2	6.79
Financial	169.7	181.3e	+1.5	2.28
Gilt Strategy	56.5	58.7	+0.1	1.39
Growth Investment	300.3	317.8e	+5.0	2.44
Income & Growth	44.0	46.5	+0.2	4.55
Japanese Growth	197.3	208.6	-1.9	0.69
Nth Amer Growth	108.2	114.6	+1.5	1.38
Intl Recovery	120.0	126.9e	+1.2	2.34
Smaller Co's	231.7	245.2	+1.4	1.98
Global Inc Tst	82.4	86.1	+0.4	6.54
Special Sits Acc	304.3	322.1	+2.0	1.39

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

High Income Trust	270.3	287.6	+1.7	4.54
Growth Trust	288.5	254.9	+0.9	2.63
American Trust	128.0	136.2	+2.6	0.73

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

UK Income	51.7	55.1	+1.0	4.72
UK Growth Accum	54.7	58.2	+1.5	2.41
Do Dist	54.7	58.2	+1.5	2.41
European Growth	61.4	65.4	+0.4	1.85
Pacific Growth	57.2	60.9	-0.4	0.61

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

American Fund	71.8	76.4	..	1.31
Capital Fund	104.9	111.7	..	1.52
Growth & Inc Fund	137.3	146.2	..	4.27
High Dist Fund	115.4	122.8	..	5.50
International Fund	215.1	229.0	..	0.26
Recovery Fund	25.9	27.5	..	0.36
Sestr Jap Co's Fnd	34.6	36.8	..	..
Tokyo Fund	170.8	181.9	..	0.00
(Exp) Amer (2)	144.8	154.2	..	0.00
(Exp) Gen (2)	112.2	115.2e	..	0.18
(Exp) Pacific (4)	331.8	348.9	..	0.28
(Exp) Smaller Jap (4)	196.5	204.9	..	0.00
Eurofund	29.1	30.9e	..	3.24

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG
0242 521311

UK Balanced Inc	74.6	79.2	+1.8	2.58
Do Accum	76.5	81.2	+1.9	2.53
UK Growth Accum	94.3	100.0	+1.9	2.58
UK High Inc Inc	71.5	75.9	+0.8	4.60
N American Accum	70.4	75.1	+0.9	0.71
Far Eastern Accum	111.4	118.6	-1.5	0.05
European Accum	92.3	98.4	-0.4	1.47
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	32.4	35.6	+0.2	8.51
Do Accum	55.5	59.2	+0.2	8.36

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LS
0708-65999

Endurance	113.9	121.2	..	2.95

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
25, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5865

Equitable Pelican	80.4	85.6	+1.5	3.25
High Income Trust	80.3	85.5	+1.2	5.28
Gilt & Fixed Inc	49.7	52.9e	..	10.54
Tst Of Inv Trusts	78.0	83.0	+1.0	1.85
Special Sits Trust	80.7	85.9	+1.2	2.18
Nth Amer Trust	61.2	65.2	+0.6	1.63
Far Eastern Trust	94.8	100.9	-1.4	0.47
Intl Growth	36.4	39.0	-0.1	1.08

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD
0203 553231

UK Growth Accum	158.2	169.9	+3.4	2.98
Do Income	138.4	148.1	+2.9	2.98
Higher Inc Accum	289.5	288.6	+5.9	4.12
Do Income	212.9	228.4	+4.6	4.12
Glbl/Fixed Accum	88.4	103.5	+0.4	5.76
Do Income	81.5	85.7	+0.3	5.76
Nth Amer Tst Accum	139.1	147.8	+1.9	0.49
Far East Tst Accum	177.8	188.1	..	0.08
Euro Tst Accum	174.7	185.8	-0.9	0.63
General Trust	252.9	269.0	+5.3	3.16

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smaller Co's	72.3	77.0	+1.2	0.21
Capital Fund	118.8	124.3	+1.6	0.21
UK Income Fund	81.5	86.9	+1.0	4.53
Far East Income	78.1	81.0	-0.5	0.00
Overseas Income	75.2	80.1	+0.5	3.57
Fixed Interest	86.5	89.9	+0.1	9.00
Natural Res Fund	60.6	64.1	+0.5	3.16
European Income	86.2	91.8	+0.9	2.72
Financials Fund	50.6	54.1	+0.4	2.77

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
130, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Balanced Gth Inc	44.6	47.4	..	1.40
Do Accum	45.5	48.4	..	..
Income Gth Inc	40.9	43.6	..	5.50
Do Accum	43.9	46.7	..	..
Service Co's Inc	81.8	84.9	..	1.00
Do Accum	82.7	85.8	..	..

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361144

American	108.5	115.5	+1.9	0.76
Amer Equity Income	35.6	37.8	+0.5	4.56
Amer Special Sits	55.5	59.0	+1.1	0.26
Australia	33.6	35.8	+0.1	3.17
European	67.7	72.0	+0.2	0.00
Far East Inc	37.2	39.4	+0.5	3.62
Gilt & Fixed Int	29.4	30.7e	..	9.80
Growth & Income	160.9	167.4	+1.7	4.48
Japan Special Sits	43.1	45.1	..	0.00
Japan	150.5	160.5	-0.9	..
Managed Inc	146.9	156.3	+1.4	0.24
Max Income Equity	88.8	92.4	+0.3	4.90
Professional Gth	35.5	37.8	+0.5	2.17
South East Asia	45.1	48.0	+0.5	0.00
Special Sits	180.2	191.8	+2.5	0.42

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN
01-638 5858

American Exempt	£364.8	371.0	..	1.38
Japan Exempt	£480.0	489.1	..	0.79
Am Property Tst	$100000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2022.0		..	5.80

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

Amer & Gen Inc	218.6	231.2	+5.1	..
Do Accum	223.4	236.4	+5.2	..
Amer Tsmrnd Inc	211.4	223.6	+5.1	1.39
Capital Tst Inc	215.6	222.2	+2.4	3.17
Do Accum	227.4	232.5	+2.5	2.17
Conv & Gt Inc	90.2	95.4	+0.2	5.20
Do Accum	122.4	129.4	+0.2	5.20
Extra Inc Tst Inc	177.2	187.4c	+2.7	4.34
Do Accum	192.2	203.2c	+3.2	4.34
Income Trust	127.2	134.5	+2.3	3.90
Do Accum	136.2	144.0	+2.5	3.90
Int Growth Inc	178.7	178.4	+4.4	..
Do Accum	187.2	198.0	+2.5	..
Japan & Gen Inc	98.4	102.5	+0.3	0.07
Do Accum	97.4	103.0	+0.3	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	93.3	94.8	+0.3	5.70
Recovery	134.6	163.6e	+2.5	1.38
Do Accum	166.6	176.4c	+3.3	1.38
European Inc	68.2	72.0	+1.2	1.72
Do Accum	68.2	72.0	+1.2	0.65
Financial Inc	51.6	54.4	+2.0	0.96
Do Accum	51.6	54.4	+2.0	0.96

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pitshea End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

FP Equity Dist	210.9	223.8	+8.0	2.72
Do Accum	355.1	376.9	+13.3	2.72
FP Fixed Int Dist	109.2	115.1	+0.8	8.27
Do Accum	109.2	115.1	+0.8	8.27
Stewardship Dist	182.6	193.8	+4.3	1.55
Do Accum	190.1	201.8	+4.5	1.55
FP North American	121.7	129.2e	..	1.18
FP Pacific Basin	170.1	180.5e	..	0.39

FUNDS IN COURT
Public Trustee Kingsway WC2
01-405 4300

Capital	373.0	374.8	..	2.87
Gross Inc	155.8	158.4	..	7.51
High Yield	229.7	231.7	..	5.82

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Special Sits	64.8	69.0	+2.0	1.10
UK Cap Fnd Inc	109.9	115.9	+3.0	2.50
Do Accum	136.6	144.0	+3.8	2.50
Income Fund	81.4	85.8	+0.8	5.80
Pension Exempt	189.4	201.5	+2.5	1.60
International	171.8	180.4	+4.0	0.50
US & General	54.3	57.3	+1.2	0.80
Tech & Growth	64.8	68.0	+2.0	1.10
Japan & General	248.0	263.9	+1.2	0.10
Far East & Gen	124.2	132.3	+0.4	0.30
European Fund	260.4	258.4	-0.4	1.50
Germany Fund	77.5	82.6	-0.7	0.80
Intl Inc Fund	61.8	54.9	+0.2	4.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5809

American Trust	57.1	52.5	+0.9	0.70
Australian Trust	28.5	30.3	+0.5	0.14
British Tst Accum	59.9	61.5	+1.0	4.13
Do Dist	57.9	61.5	+1.1	1.68
Commodity Share	73.1	77.5	+0.2	1.80
European Trust	57.6	61.2	+0.2	0.58
Extra Income Trust	57.3	60.9	+0.2	7.00
Far Eastern Trust	148.1	158.2	-1.2	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	28.5	27.2c	-0.1	9.75
Int Fixed Int Tst	24.6	26.2	+0.1	8.90
Global Fund Accum	189.5	201.2	+2.5	0.50
Do Dist	180.6	191.4	+2.5	0.50
Gold Share Trust	180.2	191.4	+0.8	0.27
Hedged American	32.4	34.5	+0.5	0.50
High Income Trust	152.7	162.1	+1.3	5.56
Hong Kong Trust	40.5	43.0	..	1.39
Income Fund	95.5	99.6	+1.2	5.75
Intermediate Agencies	254.4B	58.34	+1.4B	1.67
Japan Trust	136.0	143.7	-2.9	0.09
Managed Exempt	270.8	282.5	+4.5	2.12
Oil & Energy Trust	37	39.5Xc	..	1.37
Special Sits Trust	108.0	114.6	+3.0	0.75
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	78.9	83.8	+0.6	1.20

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA
01-588 5620

Intl Growth	90.1	95.8	+0.5	1.10
American Growth	66.5	70.7	+0.9	0.69
American Inc	72.8	77.4	+0.5	4.34
European Growth	244.1	259.7	+1.5	0.43
Gold & Minerals	48.3	51.6	+0.4	0.67
Japan Growth	154.1	164.8	+1.5	..

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-283 7500

Gilt & Fixed Int	115.2	119.7	..	9.35
Growth Equity	207.5	218.5	+0.5	1.98
Guardhill	290.2	300.7	+0.5	2.74
N American	145.2	153.8	+0.4	1.74
Pacific	284.4	299.2	+0.5	0.34
Property Share	285.6	300.2c	+1.4	1.32
Smaller Companies	226.0	238.2	+1.4	1.63
European Trust	278.7	295.0	-0.5	0.56

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ.
01-623 9333

High Income	52.7	55.6c	+0.3	5.39
N Amer Trust	115.2	122.5	+1.0	0.73
Recovery	242.7	258.2	+1.8	0.17
Gth Trust	97.9	99.5	+0.1	9.91
Sl Vincent Inc	90.5	93.3	+0.9	5.06
Sl Vincent US Gth	75.1	78.3	+1.2	0.76
Temple Bar Sm Co's	182.6	200.0	..	3.41
Euro Gth Tst	49.3	51.2	-0.1	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 6, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916

Hambros Smlr Co's	141.4	150.0c	+1.8	1.79
Hambros N Amer	67.4	71.5	+0.9	0.91
Hambros Jap & F E	130.9	138.8	-0.9	0.43
Hambros Scandin	81.5	86.5	+1.0	0.76
Hambros European	100.4	116.1	-0.4	0.79
Hambros Canadian	50.9	54.0	+0.4	1.20
Hambros Equity Inc	90.2	95.7e	+1.5	4.91
Hambros High Inc	82.6	86.4	+0.8	5.27
Hambros Res Assts	69.2	70.2	+0.7	1.91
Hambros Intl Bds	59.0	61.5	+0.2	0.61

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217236

Amer Recovery Tst	111.2	118.9	-0.7	0.17
Amer Smaller Co's	32.6	56.5	+1.0	0.25
Australian	88.1	95.3	..	1.58
Capital Growth Inc	61.4	65.7	+1.0	1.54
Do Accum	71.4	76.5	+1.2	1.54
European	279.9	297.0	-0.8	5.10
Euro Inc Tst	48.7	51.3	..	4.02
Euro Smaller Co's	108.0	115.5	-0.1	0.57
Extra Income	142.2	151.9	+1.3	4.05
Financial Trust	163.6	174.0	+0.6	2.80
Fixed Interest Tst	54.9	57.2

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3	Marling	Industrials L-R	
4	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
5	Helical Bar	Building,Roads	
6	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
7	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries	
8	Farnell Elect	Electrical	
9	Fothergill & Harvey	Industrials E-K	
10	Bullough	Industrials A-D	
11	Cable & Wireless	Electricals	
12	Amstrad	Electricals	
13	Wimpey (George)	Building,Roads	
14	Courtney Pope	Industrials A-D	
15	May & Hassell	Building,Roads	
16	Memec	Electricals	
17	Burtonwood Brew	Breweries	
18	RHP	Industrials L-R	
19	Hepworth Ceramic	Industrials E-K	
20	Fenner (JH)	Industrials E-K	
21	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
22	Marshalls (Halifax)	Building,Roads	
23	McCarthy & S	Building,Roads	
24	DAKS Simpson "A"	Drapery,Stores	
25	GKN	Industrials E-K	
26	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
27	Lloyds	Banks,Discount	
28	Baker Perkins	Industrials A-D	
29	First Nat Finance	Banks,Discount	
30	Hall (M)	Industrials E-K	
31	STC	Electricals	
32	Fisons	Industrials E-K	
33	Hawker Siddeley	Industrials E-K	
34	Boots	Industrials A-D	
35	Kode	Electricals	
36	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
37	Next	Drapery,Stores	
38	Reed Int	Industrials L-R	
39	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
40	RMC	Building,Roads	
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A rush for the airways?

Private investors got their first real indication of whether they should set aside money to apply for British Airways shares, following publication of the Pathfinder prospectus on Thursday. But it comes with a clear message that the Government is not keen to replicate a nation of British Gas "Sids." PETER GARTLAND explains.

"We want to deepen rather than broaden share ownership" says Transport Secretary John Moore explaining the Government's strategy for privatizing British Airways.

It's an interesting distinction that begs an even more interesting question. If, as Mr Moore expects, British Airways will be taken up largely by those who already hold shares rather than the next tranche of "Sids", why go to all the trouble and expense of investor roadshows as far away as Chicago, TV commercial razzmatazz and a low level flypast of Concorde over central London ?

After all, seasoned investors will sniff out a new share opportunity quicker than it takes for the "No smoking" sign to be switched off after take-off.

Despite the Government's ambivalent attempt to cool investor ardour after the passion it largely successfully whipped up for British Gas, chances are that individuals will apply for shares in large numbers.

The BA Share Opportunity Office has already notched up more than a quarter of a million private investor enquiries and this number is likely to accelerate sharply over the next few days as awareness of the Pathfinder grows.

But despite all the small print and technical detail in the 96-page Pathfinder there is no indication of the price at which shares will be offered. This is in direct contrast to the practice adopted for British Gas whose Pathfinder quoted a maximum price of 150p a share which was subsequently reduced to 135p.

The BA share price will not be announced until Tuesday, 27 January, but City analysts are looking for a price in the range of 125p to 145p.

Meanwhile potential investors will have to content themselves with information such as a pre-tax profit forecast of £145 million to the year ending March 1987, an earnings per share forecast of 19.9p and the cautionary view of BA's chairman *Lord King*, that the airline industry is susceptible to extraneous factors.

Just how important such factors are in the airline business was demonstrated by the downturn in international passenger traffic resulting from the US raid on Libya, and the Chernobyl disaster.

As for fact rather than speculation, what is now known is the planned structure for share allocation. This will comprise three main elements.

First, around 10 per cent of the share capital will be set aside for applications on concessionary terms by employees. Then there will be a chunk of shares for overseas investors in specific markets such as the US, Canada, Japan and Switzerland.



As Concorde soars over central London, one quarter of a million private investor inquiries have been counted so far for British Airways

The overseas chunk will amount to 20 per cent of the 720 million ordinary shares to be offered for sale, but will be subject to clawback if demand from the UK exceeds a certain level.

The minimum investment will be for 400 shares payable in two instalments — the first one at the outset and the second one in August. Individuals who buy shares in the offer for sale and hold on to them until February 1990 will get a loyalty bonus of one extra share for every 10 held, up to a maximum value of bonus shares of approximately £500.

Everyone can expect to hear a lot more about the BA privatization over the next few weeks. The timetable for UK and international roadshows will extend until 19 January. On 27 January the initial share price will be announced followed by publication of the prospectus in the national Press on Friday 30 January.

It is expected that the offer for sale will close at 10am on Friday, 6 February, followed by an allocation announcement not later than Wednesday, 11 February, which is also the day that official dealings are expected to begin. Letters of allocation are expected to be posted out on Monday, 16 February.

It is unfortunate that, as with British Gas, no way has been found to co-ordinate the start of official dealings more closely with the mail-out of allocation letters. This puts private investors at a considerable disadvantage compared to the financial institutions.



New investors: John Moore, chief executive on the right and Chris Fawcett, left, of Dumenil Unit Trust Management Ltd

A taste of Spain for investors

This weekend for the first time ever the number of unit trusts on offer to the public tops the 1,000 mark, according to the magazine *Planned Savings*.

This marketing milestone is of questionable benefit to private investors who are now faced with a bewildering choice of funds which have increased in numbers from just over 400 only six years ago.

The 1000 milestone also coincides with a further twist in the specialization road that comes with the launch today of the first ever UK authorized unit trust to invest exclusively in the shares of companies quoted on the Spanish stock market.

The Dumenil Spanish Growth Fund will be managed from London and Madrid and it is likely that investment in Spanish banks such as Vizcaya and Comercial Espanol will comprise up to one-third of the initial portfolio.

Spanish banks have large holdings of their own and are regarded as being the hub of industry. Dumenil Unit Trust Management's chief executive John Moore plans to invest also in companies such as Telefonica, which is a mixture of British Telecom and Cable & Wireless, and the chemical company, Petromed.

Investment is also planned in what John Moore and his colleague Chris Fawcett call emergent industries. These include cars and housing as well as fashion and cosmetics which are expanding in order to satisfy the aspirations of Spain's middle class.

It sounds all very well, but would British investors really be wise to invest in a country that has a socialist government and whose big trades unions are Communist-dominated ?

John Moore argues that socialism in Spain has far more to do with arguments over how the prosperity cake should be divided rather than how to change the cake mixture completely. He also points out that Spain's socialists have reaffirmed their Nato links.

As for the communist-dominated unions these are strongest, he says, in the old heavy industries that will not be of investment interest to the managers anyway.

The Spanish market has also been subject to settlement problems, which means that investors who sell don't always get their money out as easily as they would in London or New York. John Moore is confident that these problems are now being sorted out.

There is no doubt that Spain is the market of the moment. In aggregate terms the value of its quoted shares more than doubled in 1986, making it the most successful of all the world's organized stock exchanges.

But John Moore is clearly aware of the inherent risks of a market which boasts only 280 quoted companies and whose total capitalization is on a par with that of Hong Kong. If the market looked as if it were going to nosedive he says he would be prepared to liquidate as much as 80 per cent of the fund's holdings, making it virtually a cash fund.

As with all highly specialised investments Spain should be viewed as a market for money which investors can afford to play with. That said, it looks an interesting short-term speculation for active and experienced market players.

Peter Gartland

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494
Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	10.92	11.50	+0.01	..
Bear	11.17	11.76	+0.02	..
Ord	12.30	12.95	+0.06	..
Bull	13.27	13.97	+0.51	..
Sing	13.17	13.87	+0.38	..
Gilt Edged	10.04		+0.07	..
Deposit	9.94		+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	11.83	12.46	+0.02	..
Bear	12.39	12.95	+0.02	..
Ord	13.12	13.82	+0.48	..
Bull	15.05	15.85	+0.48	..
Sing	15.04	15.84	+0.56	..
Gilt Edged	11.12		+0.09	..
Deposit	10.22		+0.01	..
Exempt App Mixed	137.7	140.5	+3.63	..

ABBEY LIFE
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0202 292373

Property Fund Inc	202.9	213.6	+0.7	..
Do Accum	263.1	298.1	+1.0	..
Equity Fund Income	114.6	121.2	+1.4	..
Do Accum	118.6	125.1	+1.1	..
Selective Fund	246.5	259.5	+5.5	..
Money Fund	222.8	234.4	+0.6	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	222.3	233.6	+0.7	..
Equity Ser 4	129.5	136.9	+3.3	..
Man Ser 4	359.1	378.1	+1.1	..
Conv Ser 4	199.8	210.4	+0.5	..
Money Ser 4	199.8	210.4	+0.7	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	177.8	187.2	+1.3	..
American Ser 4	262.4	276.3	+13.8	..
High Inc Ser 4	302.3	318.3	+7.4	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	119.8	116.5	+1.6	..
Japan Ser 4	237.9	250.5	+1.8	..

ALBANY LIFE
5, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
0707 43311

Equity Fd Acc	759.5	799.0	+24.9	..
European Fd Accum	216.6	228.0	-0.2	..
Fixed Int Acc	300.9	316.7	+3.3	..
Gld Money Fd Acc	204.6	215.3	+0.3	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	341.1	359.0	+5.9	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	189.3	199.2	+2.1	..
Japan Fund	255.8	269.2	-2.9	..
Nth American Fd Acc	165.8	174.5	+7.5	..
Prop Fd Acc	211.9	223.0	+0.5	..
Multiple Inv Acc	539.9	567.2	+12.2	..

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-28251

Fxed Int Dep Accum	225.9	237.8	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	672.4	707.8	+12.7	..
Property Accum	127.9	134.9	+0.3	..
Far East Accum	159.3	178.3	+2.3	..
Managed Capital	317.8	334.6	+4.6	..
Do Accum	526.5	554.3	+7.7	..
Overseas Accum	235.2	469.3	+8.7	..
Gilt Edged Accum	269.0	282.2	+2.8	..
Amer Equity Accum	374.3	394.0	+13.1	..
Amer Man Accum	177.7	187.1	+5.4	..
Amer Prop Accum	127.9	134.7	+0.7	..

BALTIC ASSURANCE
25-35 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 9899

Managed Growth	285.5	276.5	+8.12	..
Managed Income	121.6	128.0	+2.02	..
International	235.9	218.7	+6.07	..
High Income	162.6	171.2	+3.06	..
Income & Growth	215.1	226.5	+4.39	..
Basic Resource	105.9	113.7	+3.56	..
American	194.9	205.3	+8.56	..
Far Eastern	386.4	406.7	+19.20	..
Smaller Co's	181.7	191.3	+5.85	..

BARCLAYS LIFE
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

Equity Accum	455.3	479.3	+13.1	..
Do Initial	397.0	417.9	+11.5	..
Gilt Edged Accum	229.6	216.9	+1.6	..
Do Initial	181.0	190.5	+1.4	..
International Accum	276.2	290.8	+8.7	..
Do Initial	241.2	253.9	+8.4	..
Managed Accum	310.8	327.2	+7.1	..
Do Initial	271.8	286.2	+6.3	..
Money Accum	177.9	188.4	..	..
Do Initial	150.3	158.2	..	..
Property Accum	207.2	218.2	..	..
Do Initial	179.6	189.3	..	..
America Accum	181.0	190.5	+11.0	..
Do Initial	148.2	156.0	+9.0	..
Australia Accum	171.0	180.1	+5.5	..
Do Initial	152.4	160.5	+5.3	..
Financial Accum	210.6	221.7	+4.7	..
Do Initial	187.9	198.8	+4.1	..
500 Accum	225.7	241.8	+5.0	..
Do Initial	201.0	211.5	+4.4	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	326.0	343.2	+7.6	..
Do Initial 2	290.9	296.9	+6.7	..
Income Accum	263.7	269.1	+7.8	..
Do Initial	229.6	235.4	+6.8	..
Leisure Accum	155.7	163.9	+4.9	..
Special Sits Accum	126.9	133.6	+3.1	..
Unv Tech Accum	118.2	118.2	+5.4	..
Do Initial	102.2	107.6	+4.9	..

BLACK HORSE LIFE
34Ba, High St, Chesham
0634 405161

Black Horse Man Fd	374.97		+8.01	..
Managed Inv Fund	254.7	268.1	+3.48	..
Property Fund	189.3	199.0	+0.93	..
Fixed Interest Fund	182.1	191.6	+1.03	..
Cash Fund	168.2	177.1	+0.92	..
Income Fund	341.5	359.4	+1.04	..
Extra Income Fund	222.2	238.0	+3.39	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	327.5	344.8	+3.99	..
Balanced Fund	301.0	316.9	+3.57	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	270.9	285.0	+3.20	..
Int Technology Fund	321.8	337.9	-5.44	..
N Amer & Can Fund	202.9	213.5	-1.92	..
Energy Int Fund	118.1	124.3	-0.85	..
Pacific Basin Fund	247.9	260.8		..

BRITISH NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
British National Life House Paramount Road Heywards Heath West Sussex RH16 3TP
0444 414111

Managed	206.4	219.4	..	..
Property	172.1	181.2	..	..
Equity	242.0	254.8	..	..
International	277.5	292.5	..	..
Fixed Interest	133.7	140.7	..	..
Deposit	121.4	127.8	..	..
New Technology	152.2	160.2	..	..

CANADA LIFE
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts
P Bar 51122

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Growth	150.8		..	..
Managed	177.7	187.1	+2.5	..
Property	129.3	136.1	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	133.0	140.0	+1.7	..
Index-Linked	110.2	116.0	+0.5	..
Equity	135.1	235.4	+5.1	..
Cash	138.7	146.1	..	..
Mixed Bk Int	192.5	202.7	+3.0	..
Midland Bk Int	228.1	236.1	+5.9	..

CANNON ASSURANCE
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Equity Units	272.4		+1.4	..
Property Units	222.88		..	..
Equity Bond/Exec	£46.03	47.85	+0.63	..
Prop Bond/Exec	£30.91	32.71	..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£35.33	37.39	+0.77	..
2nd Equity Accum	359.6	359.2	+8.0	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	292.9	309.9	+5.2	..
2nd Property Accum	216.7	229.3	..	..
2nd Managed Acc	251.2	265.8	+5.2	..
2nd Deposit Accum	176.0	186.2	+0.1	..
2nd Gilt Accum	177.5	187.8	+2.1	..
2nd Amer Accum	250.4	265.0	+15.2	..
2nd Int Money Ac	197.3	208.8	+0.6	..
2nd Indus Accum	107.5	113.8	+1.8	..
2nd Far East Accum	212.9	225.3	+2.3	..
2nd Global Accum	103.0	109.0	+2.3	..
2nd Euro Accum	103.6	110.0	+0.7	..
2nd Japan Accum	114.7	121.4	+0.9	..
2nd Global Pens Ac	105.3	111.4	+4.7	..
2nd Euro Pens Ac	113.7	120.3	+0.9	..
2nd Japan Pens Ac	120.3	127.3	+2.8	..
LLAS SIP	116.5	123.5	+2.8	..
Do 2	76.0	80.5	+1.8	..

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Saxby House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cnd Milton Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-606101

Property Fund	120.7	127.1	..	..
Money Fund	228.2	240.3	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	421.0	444.0	+5.5	..
Equity Fund	276.9	285.2	+3.4	..
Fixed Interest Fund	147.1	154.9	+1.8	..
Far East Fund	229.5	262.2	+0.5	..
Nth Amer Fund	164.9	173.8	+4.7	..
Hld Resources Fund	158.6	167.2	+4.8	..
SUN Reg Fund	132.0	139.0	+3.1	..
PBR Fund	135.9	143.1	..	..

CLERICAL MEDICAL/PRIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 276565
Assurance Funds

Mixed	140.7	148.2	+3.5	..
Equity	159.0	167.4	+4.4	..
Property	112.5	118.5	+1.9	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	114.9	120.9	+0.8	..
Indexed Secs	98.6	104.9	+1.4	..
Cash	108.3	115.1	+0.1	..
Nth American	114.2	120.3	+5.2	..
Far East Acc	139.7	147.1	+3.5	..
International Acc	143.6	151.2	+4.8	..
Special Sits	173.9	183.2	+6.1	..
European Fips	107.0	112.6	+2.2	..
Cash	109.3	115.1	+0.1	..
Nth American	114.2	120.3	+5.2	..
Far East	137.7	145.0	+3.2	..
International	132.7	139.7	+3.7	..
Special Sits	153.5	161.6	+4.9	..
Int Income	149.2	157.1	+4.9	..
American Inc	124.3	130.9	+5.6	..
European	158.7	167.1	+2.1	..

Flexible Retirement Plans Funds

Mixed	144.7	152.4	+3.6	..
Equity	151.9	159.9	+3.9	..
Property	117.1	123.3	+0.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	120.4	126.8	+0.8	..
Index Linked	102.6	108.0	+3.2	..
Cash	118.2	124.5	+2.7	..
Nth American	121.5	127.9	+5.5	..
Far East Acc	139.7	147.1	+3.5	..
International	143.6	151.2	+4.8	..
Special Sits	173.9	183.2	+6.1	..
European Fips	107.0	112.6	+2.2	..
Cash	109.3	115.1	+0.1	..
Nth American	114.2	120.3	+5.2	..
Far East	137.7	145.0	+3.2	..
International	132.7	139.7	+3.7	..
Special Sits	153.5	161.6	+4.9	..
Int Income	149.2	157.1	+4.9	..
American Inc	124.3	130.9	+5.6	..
European	158.7	167.1	+2.1	..

COLONIAL MUTUAL
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD
01-248 9863

Cap Life-Key	1517		..	..
Cap Life-Pacemaker	184.38		..	..
Cap Life-Cash	124.0	130.5	+0.78	..
Cap Life-Equity	256.0	269.5	+12.47	..
Cap Life-Fixed Int	167.2	176.0	+0.18	..
Cap Life-Managed	206.9	217.8	+11.92	..
Cap Life-Property	205.5	227.2	+0.47	..
CMLife-Dep Cap	119.8	126.3	+0.16	..
CMLife-Cash Inv	133.9	140.9	+0.27	..
CMLife-Fxd Eqty Cap	368.2	387.6	+2.46	..
CMLife-Fxd Eqty Inv	408.3	429.8	+3.02	..
CMLife-Fxd Fxd Cap	178.5	187.9	+1.16	..
CMLife-Fxd Fxd Inv	197.9	208.4	+1.35	..
CMLife-Index Cap	116.3	122.5	+0.37	..
CMLife-Index Inv	128.0	135.6	-0.32	..
CMLife-Man Cap	242.6	255.4	+1.76	..
CMLife-Man Inv	269.0	283.2	+2.07	..

COMMERCIAL UNION
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3
01-283 7500

Var Ann Accum (5)	261.31		..	..
Var Ann (5)	55.01		..	..
Prime- Managed	238.9	249.4	+5.8	..
Prime- UK Equity	263.7	277.6	+7.4	..
Prime- Int Equity	199.5	210.0	+4.9	..
Prime- Property	126.0	132.7	-0.1	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	132.8	139.7	+1.0	..
Prime- Index-Linked	92.5	104.9	+1.8	..
Prime- Cash	123.4	129.9	+0.1	..

CONFEDERATION LIFE
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE
01-242 0282

Managed Fund	613.1	645.3	..	..
Equity Fund	760.2	800.2	..	..
PIP Fund	231.395		..	..

CROWN FINANCIAL
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 9233

Life Managed Acc	327.1	344.3	+8.7	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	221.9	233.5	+0.7	..
Life Equity Accum	199.3	209.8	+14.6	..
Life Money Accum	180.5	190.0	+0.1	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	439.8	455.5	+12.9	..
Life Int Accum	348.2	366.5	+9.7	..
Life High Inc Accum	381.9	401.5	+18.1	..
Life Property Accum	186.8	196.6	..	..
Crown Brit Inv A	508.0		+38.0	..
Crown Equity	552.0	528.4	+32.6	..
Crown Managed	198.4	199.5	+3.6	..
Crown Accum	212.7	223.8	+3.5	..

CRUSADER INSURANCE
Reigate Surrey RH2 8EL
07372 43424

Measured perf	102.5	108.0	+2.6	..
Performance Plus	102.7	108.1	+3.0	..
With Profit Perf	97.1	102.8	+2.2	..
UK Opportunity	101.1	106.6	+2.4	..
Euro Opportunity	111.6	118.1	+2.5	..
North Amer Opp	99.7	104.2	+2.0	..
Far East Opp	104.1	109.6	+2.0	..
Gth Prop Series 1	141.9	151.0	+2.6	..
Gth Prop Series 2	97.0	102.6	+1.3	..
Fixed Int	97.3	102.6	+1.2	..
Cash	97.2	102.7	+0.5	..
Managed Pens	291.6	299.1	..	..

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

Secure Fund	104.0	109.5	+0.2	..
Blue Chip Fund	128.5	133.2	+1.6	..
Adventurous Fund	145.8	155.4	+2.7	..
Performance Fund	162.8	169.9	+3.0	..

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND
1 Threadneedle St, London EC2
01-588 1212

Eagle/Midland Units	168.1	174.3	+3.4	4.34

EQUITY & LAW
Assurance Road, High Wycombe
0494 33077

UK Equities Fund	432.8	476.6	+15.3	..
Higher Income Fund	432.1	460.1	+13.4	..
Property Fund	264.5	278.8	+8.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	233.7	246.9	+5.4	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	104.4	109.8	+2.4	..
Gld Deposit Fund	178.1	187.4	+8.3	..
Nth America Fund	243.6	256.4	+13.1	..
Far East Fund	229.4	306.8	+0.1	..
Europe Fund	236.6	249.2	+2.7	..
International Fund	295.4	310.9	+8.2	..
Mixed Fund	362.8	371.3	+7.7	..

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT
Pixham End, Dorking RH4 1QA
0306 885005

Life/Cash Accum	119.7	126.0	+0.1	..
UK Eq Accum	186.5	199.4	+4.4	..
Stewardship Accum	151.2	161.8	+3.0	..
Life/Fixed Int Accum	126.9	132.7	+0.8	..
Life/Indx-Linked Acc	108.4	108.9	+0.6	..
Life/Mixed Accum	160.4	168.9	+4.3	..
Life/Overseas Eq Acc	153.4	162.3	+4.8	..
Life/Property Accum	139.7	147.1	..	..

GT MANAGEMENT
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ
01-628 6131

GT Pln Bond Fund	188.3	198.3	+2.6	..
GT Pln High Yield	183.7	209.9	+5.5	..
GT Pln Far East	183.7	193.4	+3.4	..
GT Pln North Amer	136.7	143.9	+5.1	..
GT Pln UK & GE	281.9	277.2	+8.4	..
GT Pln Worldwide	283.0	308.5	+7.9	..

GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE
20/24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5BB
01-686 9411

Managed	115.7	121.8	+2.1	..
UK Equity	137.8	145.2	+4.2	..
Fixed Int	112.4	118.3	+1.7	..
Index-Linked	96.8	101.7	+1.4	..
Cash Deposit	107.1	112.7	+0.1	..
Property	167.9	113.9	..	..
International	165.1	114.2	+2.5	..
American	94.5	99.6	+3.4	..
Japan	130.1	136.9	+3.9	..
Japan Smlr Co's	113.4	119.3	+2.9	..
European	119.7	121.9	+1.8	..

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE
Courtwood, St. Chesnunt Herts
0992 30971

Portfolio Fd Acc	421.5		+8.8	..
Do Int	396.1		+8.8	..
Do Inv a	421.4	443.8	+8.8	..
UK Equity	210.0	221.1	+4.0	..
Overs Equity	149.8	164.8	+4.8	..
Smaller Cos	119.6	126.0	+4.8	..
Gilt Plus	118.6	122.8	+2.0	..
Do 85	114.5	120.6	..	..
Fixed Int Dep	113.4	119.4	+0.3	..
Managed	185.1	194.9	+4.8	..
Inter Man	150.2	158.2	+3.8	..

GRESHAM UNIT
2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth
0202 297122

Managed Bond	428.9	449.8	..	..
Money Fund	188.2	198.2	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	340.3	358.1	..	..
Fixed Interest Fund	143.0	150.7	..	..
Property Fund	222.6	234.5	..	..

Grosham Framlington

American & General	276.8	293.8	+12.0	..
Income	267.5	287.2	+4.9	..
International Grwth	229.9	236.5	+12.3	..
Capital Fund	288.6	401.1	+8.5	..
Recovery Fund	169.1	292.5	+2.5	..
Japan & General	164.6	173.4	+2.8	..

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE
Royal Exchange London EC3
01-283 7101

Ass Prop Bds	401.8	418.3	+2.9	..
Managed Inter	350.7	357.5	+8.2	..
Do Accum	382.8	402.9	+10.0	..
Equity Inter	417.8	439.5	+10.2	..
Do Accum	468.8	525.7	+16.8	..
Fixed Int Inter	237.7	250.1	+5.6	..
Do Accum	288.7	298.8	+6.8	..
Int Inter	384.8	405.0	+9.1	..
Do Accum	429.3	448.5	+11.3	..
Nth Amer Inter	148.8	159.0	+6.7	..
Do Accum	154.9	163.6	+7.4	..
Pacific Inter	239.8	251.5	+4.6	..
Do Accum	239.7	343.2	+4.6	..
Property Inter	149.1	147.5	..	..
Do Accum	167.2	176.0	..	..
Index-Linked Inter	96.7	101.7	+0.9	..
Do Accum	108.0	113.5	+0.9	..
Deposit Inter	139.4	146.8	+0.2	..
Do Accum	165.4	175.2	+0.3	..

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION
26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA
01-638 5757

High Income Fund	272.5	287.7	+4.8	..
Gilt Edged Fund	69.2	84.2	+1.0	..
Capital Growth Inc	232.4	266.4	+6.1	..
Technology Fund	189.7	199.8	+6.1	..
Natural Resources	138.6	146.3	+4.3	..
Special Situations	288.8	316.4	+5.9	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
North America Fund	237.1	250.3	+10.4	..
Far East Fund	374.2	395.0	+5.5	..
Managed Fund	327.5	334.7	+6.5	..
Deposit Fund	149.9	158.2	+0.3	..
Prime Residential	178.5	187.9	..	..
Property Fund	153.9	161.1	-0.1	..
Managed Currency	108.9	115.0	-1.8	..
Global Health Care	131.0	138.3	+3.1	..

HILL SAMUEL LIFE
HLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
01-686 4355

Security Fund	270.0	284.3	+8.8	..
British Fund	257.5	271.1	+8.4	..
International Fund	292.7	308.2	+7.1	..
Dollar Fund	210.1	221.2	+9.6	..
Capital Fund

FAMILY MONEY/2

Do you have the makings of a millionaire?

The Kremlin seems to have taken a lead from Mrs Thatcher in wanting to create small businesses. A new law, effective from May 1, will allow Soviet citizens to become entrepreneurs.

They will be able to work on their own as toymakers, café proprietors, or taxi operators, but they will not be allowed to employ others. Strictly-defined families may also start a business in equally limited categories.

Although the Soviet aim in legalizing one-person firms is uncertain, and is unlikely to have any immediate effect on the economy, small businesses often do lead to bigger things. To quote Mao Tse-tung: "A 1,000-mile journey begins with a single step."

In the UK, the Unlisted Securities Market has created an average of 100 millionaires a year since it began in November 1980, and examples abound of people who have made it to the top from very small beginnings.

Laura Ashley and her husband started up their fashion empire in a small London flat, and went on to create employment for thousands.

Bulmer's Cider began in the countryside using local apples for its brew. The first bottles on the market showed such an attractive image of the "factory" that an enthusiastic tax inspector hustled hot-foot to Hereford hoping to winkle out tax on undeclared earnings.

Finding a staff of only two workers in a "byre", he asked why the bottle showed another picture. "That's how we're going to be one day," replied the founder of the drinks empire.

Nigel Broackes, after a stint in National Service and as an insurance clerk, ventured into property — disastrously. He then joined a firm of estate agents where he learnt the property trade from the ground up. And with a knighthood for his work in the Docklands project, up he went — to become the multi-millionaire head of Trafalgar House.

Can you get in on this act of setting up a business? Will it prove profitable, like the above examples, or will you fail within six months, as did more than half of the first 50 applicants under the Business Loans Guarantee scheme?

Business failure usually results from a lack of one or more of the four basic business skills — marketing, production, finance and purchasing. Ideas alone are not enough. Many people make fortunes because they are able to market successfully the ideas of others.

Find out all you can about setting up business from friends who have succeeded and those who have failed. Get advice from the Small Firms Service on finance, premises, production, marketing and government grants.

Information and three counselling sessions come free from any of the 100 area counselling offices. A "modest charge" is made for any further sessions you require. Just dial 100 and ask for Freefone Enterprise.

In Scotland and Wales, the Small Firms Service links inquirers to the assistance offered by national and regional development agencies.

Business failures often blame lack of finance for their downfall. Yet the Wilson Report pointed out that a deterrent to industrial investment was not the difficulty of borrowing money, but its insufficient return. However cheaply you can borrow, the loan is expensive if you cannot make a profit on it.

The Government's Loan Guarantee Scheme, though watered down since its inception about five years ago, encourages banks to make loans for viable business propositions, where the applicant has inadequate security or no established track record.

It guarantees 70 per cent of any loan made by the participating lenders with a premium of 2.5 per cent on the guaranteed part of the loan payable by the borrower. All the banks provide booklets showing how to present a case.

Barclays gives two sections on general and financial information. It touches on background, personnel, your market, accounts or forecasts, and who or what can provide financial security, if necessary.

The National Westminster booklet, *Presenting Your Case*, also has useful tips, the best being that you are acting as your own salesperson. The manager wants to know about you, your business, how much you need to borrow, repayment and security.

The Business Expansion Scheme provides equity capital for a company beginning or expanding, while the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, or EAS, is very useful indeed for those wanting to start a new small business but who cannot afford to lose state benefits while they do so.

They join an information session to find out how EAS operates, and get advice and further free advisory sessions when acquired, as well as £40 a week for a year to supplement the receipts of the new business while it is being established. To be eligible, applicants must have £1,000 to invest, be between 18 and retirement age, out of work for at least eight weeks, and receiving unemployment or supplementary benefit.

It might seem strange that the take-up of government grants is lowest in the areas where unemployment is at its highest. But self-employment is often a family tradition more common in the south, and confidence and opportunity are often as important for the self-starter as are advice and grants.

Jennie Hawthorne

One tip, be your own salesman

A new role for the Woolwich

■ Building societies used to operate under genteel conditions, but today "survival is at stake", says the Woolwich in its corporate report published this week. As part of that survival strategy, it intends to move into non-traditional services such as insurance, housing development, consumer-lending, survey operations and estate agency.

The report also highlights the serious questions being raised about the lending policies of some mortgage institutions who, it says, are lowering their standards in an attempt to increase their share of the mortgage business. This results in escalating arrears problems.

Mortgage losses at the Woolwich and properties in possession amount to only a small fraction of total mortgages and the society claims that its long experience in lending has helped it avoid the long-term problems caused by the lowering of lending criteria.



£10m expansion

■ A new Business Expansion Scheme offer opens on Monday under which Gladding Secured Contractors hope to raise up to £10 million by offering 8.7 million ordinary shares at £1.15 per share. Gladding is a building contractor specializing in the property development industry, mainly in the south-east. It offers building contracts on a deferred payment basis and security is obtained usually by a mortgage over land and buildings.

Gladding claims to have a strong order book and a pipeline of new business. The company says it is now preparing to finance its expansion by enlarging its capital base. The offer is being sponsored by Chancery Securities PLC, 12 Northington Street, London WC1N 2NW; tel. (01) 242-2563.

Golfers' policy

■ A new insurance scheme for golfers has been launched by insurance brokers The Edgar Hamilton Group. The policy is rated according to the value of the equipment with premiums ranging from £20 for £500 sum insured to £25 for £1,000, though higher amounts can be handled. Cover is included for liability insurance of £1 million for third party claims and £40 a week up to 52 weeks for incapacity resulting from an injury while playing golf.

Details from Edgar Hamilton Group, 69/71 Great Eastern Street, London EC2A 3HU; tel. (01) 739-4300.

Talking money

■ Financial advisers Whitechurch Securities are organising a one-day seminar for private investors to be held in London on Saturday, January 24. Speakers from the financial services industry will talk about Inheritance Tax as well as overseas and UK investment. The seminar fee is £25 which includes lunch and is returnable in full to people who invest through Whitechurch during 1987.

Full details from Whitechurch Securities, 180 Stanley Road, Teddington, Middlesex; tel. (01) 977-5854.

Right number

■ In our article on sheltered housing which appeared in last Saturday's *Family Money* we printed the incorrect address and telephone number for the Elderly Accommodation Centre. The correct details are 31 Kensington Court, London W8 5BH; tel. (01) 937-8709. Sorry.

Personal equity

■ Gartmore Investment Management has joined the ranks of companies offering a Personal Equity Plan.

Gartmore's PEP offers direct investment in a selection of shares in up to four of the UK's best-known companies such as Glaxo, BAT Industries, Marks & Spencer, Cable & Wireless and Coats Viyella. This will provide up to 75 per cent of the portfolio, with the remaining 25 per cent being invested in the Gartmore Global unit trust.

Investment can range from a £1,000 lump sum to the maximum £2,400 a year or from a £100 monthly subscription to the maximum £200 a month.

Gartmore's charges put their PEP at the higher end of plans announced so far. Apart from an initial charge of 5 per cent of the total investment and an annual charge of 1.25 per cent of the value of the plan, clients wanting to attend shareholders' meetings to vote and receive company information relating to their investments will be charged an annual administration fee of £45.

Home endowment

■ Norwich Union Insurance has brought out a low start endowment plan, aimed specifically at first-time house buyers. Initially, premiums are set at a low level leaving extra funds available to meet the costs of setting up home.

The premium increases by 20 per cent a year over the original amount during the first five years of the policy, and remains at twice the initial level after that.

In addition to first-time buyers, the plan could appeal to young professionals who are looking forward to a rapidly rising income.

Details from any Norwich Union office.

Holiday cover

■ Sun Alliance has launched its 1987 holiday insurance policy with a warning that last year about £14 million was lost or stolen from 40,000 holiday-makers — and that's only the reported losses. Thousands more people were unable to travel or were taken ill while away. So, good holiday insurance really is a "must".

Before taking out cover, travellers should make sure that medical expenses are realistically protected. In Sun Alliance's case, the medical limit of £500,000 should be enough even if you find yourself being operated on by one of California's mega-earning surgeons.



An unusual part of Sun Alliance's cover is that if your passport goes astray while you are on holiday, they will pay for any additional hotel or travel expenses incurred while you're waiting for a replacement.

Be warned

■ Some building society investment accounts charge customers for making withdrawals, warns this month's *Building Society Choice*. In its annual Savers' Guide, the magazine explains that the charge, expressed as a loss of interest, can make a "huge difference" to the effective rate of interest.

With many accounts, the charge is made only if you want to withdraw without waiting for a notice period to expire, but "some accounts always charge, and to add insult to injury, may insist you give notice too".

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This is what 12·25% pa rate earns you every month

INVESTMENT	AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME OLD RATE	NEW RATE	INVESTMENT	AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME OLD RATE	NEW RATE
£ 2,000	£18·75	£ 20·42	£ 15,000	£140·63	£ 153·13
£ 5,000	£46·88	£ 51·04	£ 20,000	£187·50	£ 204·17
£ 8,000	£75·00	£ 81·67	£ 25,000	£234·38	£ 255·21
£10,000	£93·75	£102·08	£100,000	£937·50	£1,020·83

(Each additional £1,000 invested at the new rate produces an average of £10·21 per month—£122·50 per year. Maximum holding £100,000.)

Invest here and now. You can be sure your investment will always provide a worthwhile income – month in, month out. All you have to do is complete the coupon below and send it with your cheque (payable to "National Savings") to NSIB, Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool FY3 9YP. Or ask for an application form at your post office.

The minimum purchase for new investors is £2,000; if you already have a bond, it is £1,000.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

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PROSPECTUS 30 May 1986

1 The Director of Savings is authorised by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to receive until further notice applications for National Savings Income Bonds ("Bonds").

2 The Bonds are a Government security issued under the National Loans Act 1968. They are registered in the National Savings Stock Register and are subject to the Regulations relating to the National Savings Stock Register for the time being in force, so far as these are applicable. The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be a charge on the National Loans Fund.

PURCHASE

3.1 Subject to a minimum initial purchase of £2,000 (see paragraph 6), a Bond may be purchased for £1,000 or a multiple of that sum. Payment of it must be made at the time of application. The date of purchase will for all purposes be the date of receipt of the remittance, with a completed application form, at the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool, or such other place as the Director of Savings may specify.

3.2 An investment certificate, bearing the date of purchase, will be issued in respect of each purchase.

HOLDING LIMITS

4.1 No person may hold either solely or jointly, or as the sole person (other than £2,000 or more than £100,000 of Bonds. Bonds inherited from a deceased holder will not count towards this permitted maximum. Bonds held by a person as trustee will not count towards the maximum which is permitted to be held in his personal capacity, nor will Bonds held in trust count towards the permitted maximum of a beneficiary's personal holding.

4.2 The Treasury may vary the maximum and minimum holding limits and the minimum initial purchase from time to time, upon giving notice. No such variation will prejudice any right under the prospectus enjoyed by a Bondholder immediately before the variation in respect of a Bond then held by him.

INTEREST

5.1 Interest will be calculated on a day to day basis from the date of purchase at a rate determined by the Treasury ("the Treasury rate").

5.2 Interest will be payable on the 5th day of each month. The Director of Savings may defer payments of accrued interest otherwise due in respect of a Bond when the period of six weeks following the date of purchase until the next interest date following the end of that period.

5.3 If on repayment the Bond has, by reason of paragraph 6.1, earned less interest than the total already paid in respect of the Bond under paragraph 5.2 the balance will be deducted from the sum to be repaid. Any interest earned on the Bond and not already paid before repayment will be added to the sum to be repaid. If in the case of repayment under paragraph 6.2 it is not reasonably practicable to stop an interest payment from being made after the repayment date, the amount of that interest payment will be deducted from the sum to be repaid.

5.4 The Treasury may from time to time vary the Treasury rate upon giving six weeks' notice.

5.5 The Treasury may from time to time vary the intervals at and dates on which interest is payable, upon giving notice, and in so doing may specify holding limits above or below which any variation will apply. No variation will apply to a Bond issued before the variation unless the Bondholder agrees to such application.

5.6 Interest on a Bond registered in the sole name of a minor under seven years of age will normally be paid into a National Savings Bank account in the name of the minor.

5.7 Interest on a Bond will be paid without deduction of income tax but is subject to income tax and must be included in any return of income made to the Inland Revenue.

REPAYMENT

6.1 A Bondholder may at any time require a Bond (or part of a Bond for £1,000 or a multiple of £1,000) to be repaid upon giving 3 calendar months' notice. The Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the repayment date, unless the repayment date falls before the first anniversary of the purchase. Bonds will not earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of repayment unless the repayment date falls before the first anniversary of the purchase.

6.2 Where an application for repayment of a Bond is made by the deceased sole or sole surviving registered holder or joint holder, proof of death required and the Bond and repayment will be issued, free of charge, at the purchase up to the date of repayment, whether or not repayment is made before the first anniversary of the purchase.

6.3 Any application for repayment of a Bond must be made in writing to the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool, and must relate to the investment certificate. The period of notice does not begin to run until the day following that on which the application is received in the Bonds and Stock Office.

6.4 Application may be made for repayment either of the whole of a Bond or of any part of a Bond for £1,000 or a multiple of £1,000, but the remaining part of a Bond must be for £2,000 or more. Where a Bond is repaid in part, the investment certificate will be returned after the part repayment is noted upon it. Subject to paragraph 6.5 and paragraph 6.6 the provisions of paragraphs 6.1 to 6.3 and paragraph 6.5 of this paragraph 6.4 will apply to the part repaid as to a whole Bond. The remaining part will continue to earn interest at the Treasury rate and the repayment dates will be the same as the repayment dates for the Bond from which part repayment was made.

PAYMENTS

7 Interest will be payable direct to a National Savings Bank or other bank or building society account or, by cheque sent through the post, to a Bondholder who may only designate one account at any one time for payment of interest on the holding of Bonds at any time. Capital will be repayable direct to a National Savings Bank account or by cheque sent through the post.

MINORS

8 A Bond may be held by a minor or by him or her and seven years' minor, or jointly with any other person, and in the latter circumstances will be issued in the name of the Director of Savings.

TRANSFER

9 Bonds will not be transferable except with the consent of the Director of Savings. Transfer of a Bond or part of a Bond (in multiples of £1,000 or multiples of that sum and with not be allowed if the holder of the transferor or transferee would thereby exceed the holding limit applicable to paragraph 4.1 or would thereby exceed the limit under paragraph 4.2. The Director of Savings will normally give consent to transfers of Bonds on the death of a Bondholder to the personal representative of the deceased or by way of sale or for any consideration.

NOTICE

10 The Treasury will give any notice required under paragraph 4.2, 5.4, 5.5 or 11 of the prospectus in the London Gazette and Belfast Gazette or in any other manner which may thereafter be given otherwise than in the Gazettes as well as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter be recorded in them.

GUARANTEED LIFE OF BONDS

11 Each Bond may be held for a guaranteed initial period of 10 years from the first interest date after the date of purchase. Thereafter interest will continue to be payable under the terms of the prospectus until the redemption of the Bond. The Bond will be redeemable at par after the end of the guaranteed initial period or on any interest date thereafter, on not less than 6 months' nor more than 9 months' notice by the Treasury. The Director of Savings will write to the Bondholder before each interest date after the guaranteed initial period to remind him of the date of the next interest payment and the last permitted date as stated in the Bonds and Stock Office.

Please note: Interest is earned for each day at 1/365 of the annual rate and at 1/366 of the annual rate for each day in leap year. This note does not form part of the prospectus.

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE
To NSIB, Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool, FY3 9YP

INCOME BONDS

1 I/We accept the terms of the Prospectus and apply for a Bond to the value of £ ,000 (Initial minimum of £2,000 and multiples of £1,000 to a maximum of £100,000)

2 Surname(s) / All forenames(s) / Mr/Mrs/Miss

Address

Postcode

Date of Birth (essential if under 7)

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3 NAME AND ADDRESS FOR DESPATCH OF INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE (if different from above)

Name

Address

Postcode

If you already have a National Savings Income Bond, insert Register No

4 Bank/Building Society account details for interest to be paid direct to a Bank/Building Society or National Savings Bank Account, or name and address only if you prefer crossed warrants by post

Bank Sorting Code (Shown in the top right hand area of your own cheques)

Bank/Building Society

Name

Address

Postcode

A/c No(s) A/c Name(s)

5 Signature(s) of applicant(s) or person(s) empowered to operate account on his/her/their behalf

Date 19

The 25 'Penny' Shares most likely to double in 1987!

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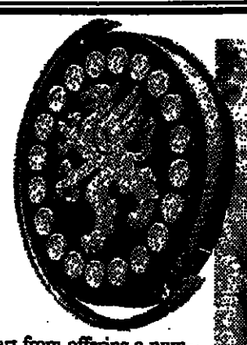
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FAMILY MONEY/3

Now the big banks start to fortify the over-fifties



Men and women over 55 account for only a third of the population yet, it is claimed, they hold two thirds of all savings, and as the building societies eagerly seize their new-found financial opportunities, loyalty to the established banks has been dwindling. What are the banks doing about it?

Traditionally, the banks have counted on lifetime allegiance from their customers. Consequently, a fair proportion of their marketing budget has been aimed at winning new accounts.

Every year students and school-leavers, for example, are courted with gifts and other loss leaders. But far from acting out of benevolence, the banks are trying to attract young people in the hope that they will eventually develop into valuable customers.

Loyalty, however, is on the way out. And, as the building societies begin to take advantage of their wider powers under the new Building Societies Act, competition for savers, borrowers and current account holders is going to become even greater. Finding ways to keep existing accounts is therefore going to become increasingly important.

Retaining an account is one thing; ensuring that it is "valuable" is another. After all, a bank customer who simply runs a current account and then uses other institutions for investments and loans, is not very profitable, particularly now that free banking is readily available provided the customer's current account is in credit.

It is surprising, therefore, that the banks have taken so long to recognize the potential of their older customers.

A substantial number of people approaching retirement need investment and





taxation advice, either because they have inherited some capital, or a life policy has matured, or simply because their pension is going to produce a sizeable lump sum. And relatively few of these people have an established relationship with a stockbroker, accountant or other financial adviser.

In the past, the banks have been able to help these customers through their specialist departments. But it was not until the autumn of 1984 that the needs, and indeed the value of customers aged over 55 was openly acknowledged. Then Midland Bank launched its retirement service throughout its branch network.

Apart from offering a number of perks, such as discounts on Thomas Cook holidays and one free financial consultation with the bank's trust company, the service's main attraction was that it provided free current account banking to those in credit. This advantage, however, was shortlived, as the Midland introduced free banking for all a couple of months later.

Nevertheless, there can be little doubt that the service was a success from the bank's point of view, as apparently it not only brought in a significant number of new customers, but it also succeeded in encouraging existing account holders to make greater use of the bank's range of products and services.

In a further attempt to tap the resources of the over-55s, the Midland has recently revamped its services, which will be known in future as Fifty-Five Plus. Now all Midland account holders aged 55 or over, whether or not they are retired, can take advantage of certain privileges.

Several of the perks offered under the old scheme are still offered, such as the one free financial consultation and a retirement guide entitled *A New Beginning*. This booklet gives advice not only on financial matters, such as insurance, investment and pension provision, but it also covers the social issues involved in coping with retirement.

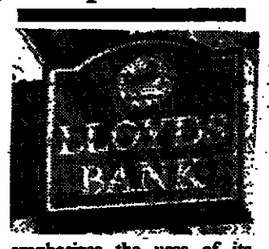
Other benefits offered to Fifty-Five Plus customers include a 2 per cent introductory bonus available until January 31 on Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Managers Monthly Income Plan, and an interest-only loan for home improvements or repairs. Any amount from £2,000 up to £10,000 can be borrowed, and the interest charged is the Midland's House Mortgage Rate plus 2 per cent. Currently, that would be 13.5 per cent.

A number of other discounts have also been negotiated. There is 15 per cent off private medical insurance policies arranged through Private Patients' Plan, for example, and the first month's cover is also thrown in free.

Similarly, selected products bought from Chubb Security, such as an alarm system, attract a discount of 10 per cent. There are also a number of perks available through Thomas Cook, including reduced rates for car hire and airport hospitality, and a reduction on the cost of the Travellers' Pack, incorporating a Meditravel card, which records details of your medical history and doctor's name and address in microfiche form.

Of course, the bank is hoping for something in return, namely, custody of your savings. In fact, Midland's market research showed that although men and women over 55 account for only about a third of the population, they actually hold two-thirds of all savings. Not surprisingly, therefore, under the Fifty-Five Plus scheme, Midland Bank

'The Midland's Fifty-Five Plus scheme offers perks including discounts on holidays, car hire, medical insurance, low rates on unit trusts and cheaper loans'



emphasizes the uses of its High Interest Cheque Account and its new Premier Savings Account.

What is curious, however, is that the other banks have been slow to follow Midland's example. Barclays does, in fact, offer retired customers fresh financial counselling and it also draws together in one leaflet all the products and services that may be of use to them.

But it offers only one discount. This is a £3.50 reduction on an annual subscription to *Choice*, a monthly magazine which specializes in leisure and retirement planning.

National Westminster has not yet put together a retirement package. However, it is currently working on a scheme which should compare with the Midland's.

The bank's spokesman says: "National Westminster recognizes the importance of meeting the needs of this age group and have existing services which match a number of the constituent parts of the Midland package — for example, our high-interest, easy-access Special Reserve Account, and bonds, insurance and unit trusts, in addition to advice on specialist subjects from our experts.

"We are currently evaluating ways of drawing together existing and possibly new services in one carefully designed package, specifically for this age group."

Likewise, the Trustee Savings Bank is working to develop a service. Lloyds, however, has nothing in hand.

Just because products and services are brought together in one package they are not necessarily all best for you. It is still important to compare terms and conditions, not to mention the rate of interest on, for instance, the various savings accounts offered not only by the banks, but also the building societies.

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FAMILY MONEY/4

Cutting the cost of life after death

The newly introduced inheritance tax still confuses many people. WALTER SINCLAIR



begins a three-part series this week to clear up any problems and misunderstandings

In some ways, inheritance tax (IHT) is simply a new name for capital transfer tax (CTT). The name changed on July 25 last year and the new rules relating to IHT are effective for transfers and deaths on and after March 18 last year.

However, the new rules have radically altered the nature of the tax. In most circumstances, the focal point has become death, and the majority of lifetime transfers are taxed only if death comes within years. These are known as potentially exempt transfers, or PETs.

In general, CTT applied to transfers when made, subject to certain exemptions. However, for IHT, this covers only certain settlements and other "non-PETs". Otherwise, IHT is normally payable following death.

CTT replaced estate duty. Whereas estate duty arose only on death, CTT also applied to transfers made during your lifetime. However, after March 17 last year lifetime transfers between individuals and certain trusts (PETs) are taxed only if death occurs within seven years.

The essence of IHT planning is the conservation of wealth. Remember that in general, provided you survive three years, gifts carry less tax than the property would have borne on your death. Indeed, as mentioned, potentially exempt transfers (PETs) are free of IHT if you survive for seven years.

Thus in broad terms you should aim to spread assets among your family to minimize the effect of IHT. Do not make gifts that you cannot afford, however, or give too much money outright to young or irresponsible children.

The property that you leave when you die will need to be considered. And subject to various exemptions and reliefs, you will also be charged IHT on the decrease in value of your assets less liabilities that you suffer as a result of any transfer of your assets (chargeable transfer). IHT on PHTs is triggered off only if death occurs within seven years.

If you are domiciled in the UK for IHT purposes, the tax applies to all your property, wherever situated. Otherwise, it applies only to your property in this country.

If you make gifts, other than *gifts covered by an exemption*, after March 11 last year to other individuals, or to accumulation and maintenance settlements or trusts for disabled persons, they are classed as "potentially exempt transfers" (PETs).

This means that no IHT will be payable on these gifts unless you die within seven years. Should that happen, however, the PHTs, less exemptions, become chargeable transfers. Your tax must then be recalculated as later indicated but using the rate scale applying at death and subject to possible tapering relief.

Where an individual dies within seven years of making a potentially exempt transfer (PET) a proportion of the full tax is payable as shown in Table 1.

Capital transfer tax was charged on the cumulative total of all your lifetime transfers after March 26, 1974, together with the property passing on your death. There was a 10-year limitation on cumulation.

The IHT scheme applying from March 18 last year has only a seven-year limitation on cumulation. And, as previously mentioned, lifetime potentially exempt transfers *are not cumulated unless you* die within seven years. There are, however, various exemptions from the general rules.

Before March 18 last year a lower scale applied to lifetime gifts and a higher one to property passing on death. If you died within three years of making a chargeable transfer, additional tax was payable to bring the charge on it up to the scale applicable on death. The rule still applies where death is within three years of a pre-March 18 gift.

Inheritance tax is charged according to Table 2, which applies to chargeable transfers and property passing on death *after March 17* last year. There is only one scale but lifetime gifts which are not PETs are charged at 50 per cent of those rates. This applies basically to transfers into discretionary settlements, charges on such settlements and chargeable transfers arising from close company transactions.

Tax is paid on such transfers soon after they are made, cumulating them with others within the previous seven years to calculate the amount. If death occurs within three years, however, tax is adjusted using the full rates, with possible tapering relief (see Table 1) where death is later.

On death within seven years of a PET, inheritance tax must be calculated by treating it as a chargeable transfer and cumulating with any earlier chargeable transfers within seven years of the PET. Tax is calculated using the value of the gift when made but using the scale current at the date of death. On gifts made more than three years before death, some tapering relief will be available.

In general, the current rate scale applies to chargeable transfers and on death after March 17 last year. On death within three years of chargeable transfers at the old pre-March 18 rates, any additional tax is found by taking the difference between the tax already paid and that payable at the new rates applying on death. However, even if the total IHT on the new scale is less than the tax already paid, no refund will be made.



TABLE 1

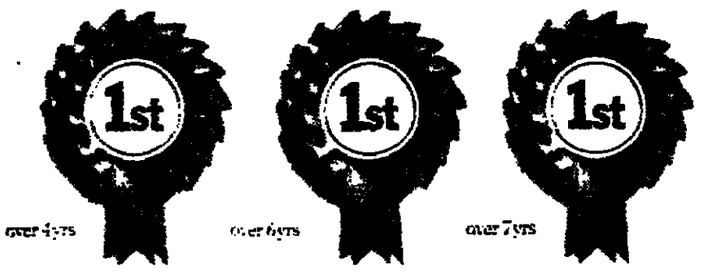
Interval in years between PET and death	%
0-3	100
3-4	80
4-5	60
5-6	40
6-7	20
7+	0

TABLE 2: INHERITANCE TAX RATES AFTER MARCH 17, 1986

Slice of cumulative chargeable transfers	Cumulative total (£)	% on slice	Cumulative total tax (£)
First 71,000	71,000	nil	nil
Next 24,000	95,000	30	7,200
Next 34,000	129,000	35	19,100
Next 35,000	164,000	40	33,100
Next 42,000	206,000	45	52,000
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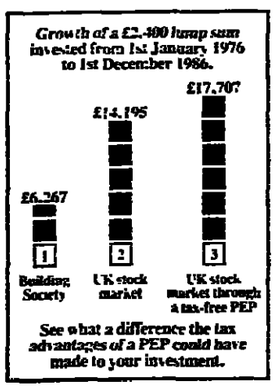
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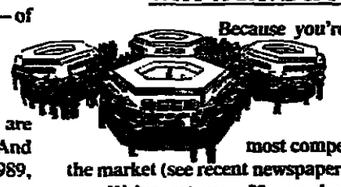
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Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	FT ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
23 May '69	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1970	11,760	8,570	11,020	11,058
1975	26,400	11,121	21,283	16,178
1980	102,560	17,287	40,175	25,521
1985	270,800	49,474	55,233	40,164
1 Jan '87	401,520	58,864	57,172	43,208*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra interest account offering 1% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. *Estimated

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6 May '64	–	–	£10,000	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	10,200	10,000
1970	463	650	10,750	10,000
1975	828	871	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	1,200	24,280	10,000
1985	2,278	907	65,160	10,000
1 Jan '87	2,680	744*	84,820	10,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are based on the average of the rates offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values. *Estimated

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Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	FT ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY*
5 June '56	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1960	19,520	20,080	11,293	12,483
1965	31,320	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	46,480	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	79,840	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	195,400	61,600	62,494	49,931
1985	546,000	176,240	85,918	78,580
1 Jan '87	734,680	209,680	88,934	84,535*

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FURTHER INFORMATION On 7th January 1987 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	Accumulation	Yield
Recovery Fund	412·4p xd	540.3p	3·21%
Dividend Fund	454·4p xd	1360.4p	5·06%
SECOND General	791·5p xd	1585·3p	3·45%

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FAMILY MONEY/5

Kiss and tell the tax man

Every fortnight, Mr X took some cash from his London-based business and flew to Paris to spend a long weekend with his girl friend. There he would deposit money in a local bank before returning to London. Within a few years he had built up a substantial tax-free nest egg. DANBY BLOCH and RAYMOND GODFREY take up the story.

After a time, the charms of the girl friend faded – at least in the eyes of this particular non-taxpayer and Mr X decided to finish the relationship. This turned out to involve more complications than he had anticipated.

Within a week of receiving her marching orders, the (by now) ex-girl friend was in London, sitting in the offices of the Inland Revenue at Somerset House, providing the courteous and sympathetic officials with details of her late paramour's illicit financial affairs, about which she was very well informed.

Mr X's unpaid tax stretching over several years, together with interest on overdue tax and the various penalties totted up to a six-figure sum.

Ex-wives and girl friends are said to provide a continuing stream of information to the ever-receptive ears of the taxmen. But discontented customers, employees and envious or simply nosey neighbours, also generate a lot of information about undeclared income or exaggerated expenses.

Evasion strategies discussed publicly

A businessman or investor may be able to get away with fiddling taxes year after year but it will often involve the compliance, or at least knowledge, of one or two other people, for it is difficult to keep everything entirely secret from family, staff or friends.

Even then, there are a surprising number of people who seem quite prepared to discuss their tax evasion strategies in the most public of places.

Such individuals are then surprised when they eventually discover that the inhabitants of trains, buses, pubs and restaurants may also include Inspectors of Taxes and Customs & Excise officials.

Many businessmen unthinkingly take the most extraordinary risks. Cash deals and cash discounts are universal in such trades as racing, building or antique dealing. But the electrician who offers a cash discount to an employee of the Inland Revenue can be in for a rude shock.

Taxmen are increasingly active in taking the lead themselves to ferret out tax evasion.

In the various district offices around the country, local newspapers are scanned for advertisements for services or lodgings in order to check whether the names, addresses or telephone numbers correspond to those of tax-paying people or businesses. There are now even special Black Economy units attached to many local district offices.

Many investigations start as a result of the accounts which are submitted by businesses and companies. A small proportion of these are subjected to a more or less random investigation, although in many cases, the background of the accounts will be examined for other reasons.

For example, there could be information on the file which has been culled from other sources like bank accounts, informers, information in the local press or simply the Inspector's knowledge of the area.

For example, he might have noticed the sign outside a farmer's entrance which advertises bed and breakfast, but he may have seen no mention of this source of income in the accounts which have been submitted.

Often, the accounts themselves might betray the businessman, once they have been properly scrutinised. It is here that the tax authorities tend to use one of their more controversial approaches, basing their calculations on gross profit margins.

The Revenue have access to everyone's accounts, so they have, at least in theory, a very good idea indeed of the general level of profits businesses should earn.

This information is carefully compiled and is available to Inspectors for a wide range of types of business.

They know, for example, that in a particular area pubs should make a gross profit of, say, 40 per cent on sales, less direct cost of supplies (excluding overheads and personal drawings).

Thus, if a publican is consistently showing a gross profit of rather less than this amount, the Inspector of Taxes could start asking some hard questions.



The taxman's initial reaction to lower than normal profitability will be that either income is understated or that the expenses have been overloaded.

Many people with businesses who are caught by this approach argue that their cases are special. Their gross profits are low because their pattern of trade is not typical; perhaps their particular customers tend to buy lower margin products or the discounts on supplies are not available to them.

However, in order to counter the Inland Revenue approach on gross profit margins, any business which is showing unusually low profits should be even more scrupulous about keeping detailed records in order to back up its claim.

Otherwise, the taxman will start drawing up assessments based on his own estimates of gross profits. That could mean businesses paying more tax than they need – quite apart from the cost and anxiety of the whole negotiating process.

Over two-thirds of investigations produce extra tax (although much of this is probably in small amounts). So the Revenue do have quite an incentive to push on with this particular approach.

Investigations also arise from other sources. The VAT men are increasingly vigilant. There are regular stories of keen Customs and Excise officers keeping count of the number of customers of shops and restaurants and then trying to tally their data with the VAT return. If there is a major discrepancy, they pounce.

Once the VAT authorities have investigated from their point of view, they pass the file on to the Revenue – and vice versa.

The Revenue have also established teams of PAYE auditors who aim to look at the payroll compliance of employers all round the country and major employees can now expect to be examined every five or six years.

These investigations not only turn up technical or procedural problems, they can also uncover major fraud.

There are also the special offices which concentrate on specific industries or areas. In the past, they have looked at North Sea oil operators, high technology companies, sportsmen and the entertainment business and Fleet Street.

Severe shortages of manpower

Other special Inland Revenue offices include the Enquiry Branch, which tends to deal with large cases of evasion and fraud, and the Special Investigations Branch which deals with tax avoidance schemes.

What are the chances of getting away with tax evasion? They were probably rather higher in the past than they are now, or they will be in the future.

Although the Inland Revenue is suffering from severe manpower shortages, it is concentrating increasing resources on the problem, and computerization will be one of the greatest helps in tracking down tax evaders.

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The antique hunter's guide for 1987

Furniture is the top investment choice this year, say the experts. CONAL GREGORY also looks at other collectables which could prove wise buys

Antique dealers are predicting a firm market for 1987 after a generally quiet first nine months last year and a brisk trade in the last quarter.

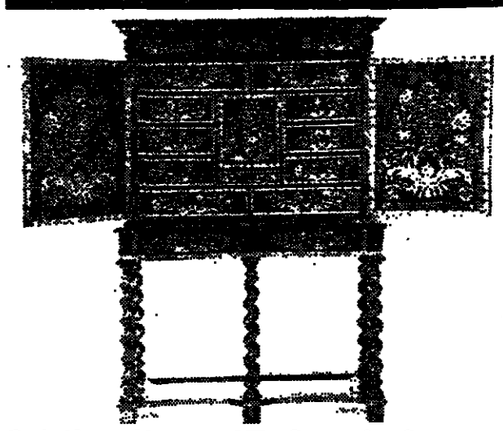
Phillips, the fine art auctioneers, have been around since 1796 and just completed their annual survey of antiques at auction, following a record turnover of over £62.7 million to December 31.

Christopher Weston, the chairman, says, "There was a considerable increase in the pace and quality of business in the later months of the year."

Irrespective of their specialization, Phillips experts named furniture as the top investment choice for 1987 with the accent on fine English period and decorative genre.

Philip Duckworth, of their furniture department, said lacquer and Regency items had done particularly well, as had fine 18th-century French, good Edwardian which "is not fully-recognized in price", Windsor chairs and dining sets.





Desirable: marble group of The Graces after Canova, top, worth £8,500, and a William and Mary cabinet at £5,500

Georgian chairs "bound to go up"

Pedestal desks priced under £500 are recommended, a view endorsed by Stephen Moore of Lewes, East Sussex, a member of the British Antique Dealers' Association. Mr Moore also favours sets of good Georgian chairs which "are bound to go up", George III bookcases provided they are attractive and not too large, and elbow chairs.

A warning that investors are already resisting prices for sets of chairs comes from some BADA members, one of whom says that good quality *single* Georgian chairs are "undervalued" and that buyers like to make up a mixed "harlequin" set.

Top quality oak will continue to secure a premium price, according to specialist dealer Keith Hockin of Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire. He says coffers, still under £1,000, are "undervalued" and that refectory tables are scarce, but 17th-century oak chairs have caught up in price.

As examples, he is currently selling a six-plank chest with decorated front and original hinges, *c.* 1620, for £875 and a 17th-century Lakeland wall cupboard, again with original hinges, for £1,750.

Mr Duckworth also highly recommends Edwardian furniture such as occasional tables in satinwood and display cabinets in mahogany, sometimes inlaid or painted. In the last few months thé UK has attracted investors from Italy, West Germany and the United States for such stock.

He adds that period mirrors are "highly saleable" and least affected by auction room fluctuations.

English watercolours and *modern* British pictures share equal place as the second recommendation by Phillips of their market choice for 1987. These are described as "two extremely buoyant sectors of the art market".

During the past year early

Investment potential in British artists

and Victorian watercolours have been particularly in demand as predicted 12 months ago. As an example, BADA member Stanley Woolston cites an 1850-80 watercolour of Valetta harbour, unsigned, for £350, or an architectural drawing of a stable block, early 19th century, for £275.

Mr James James-Crook of Phillips recommends such English surrealists as Ceri Richards, John Nash and John Banting. He says prices for works by Harold Harvey are levelling off but others from the Newlyn School – like Laura Knight and Dod Procter – should be sought.

In the St Ives school, while investors are aware of Barbara Hepworth and Ben Nicholson, the new year should see extra demand for Peter Lanyon and William Scott.

There is further investment potential for such British post-war artists as Graham Sutherland, John Piper and Elisabeth Frink. In recommending Sickert, Mr James-Crook's advice is to concentrate on his early work, such as the theatrical scenes, in view of the artist's prolific output.

In oils, the Dutch romantic school is growing in demand, according to William Patterson, a BADA specialist of London. He mentions particularly Charles Leickert and the Family Koek Koek. Belgian 19th-century paintings are also on the popular side, as are 19th-century English landscapes by painters such as William Shayer.



This fine Queen Anne bureau cabinet fetched £17,000

As an example, he is currently offering a Warwickshire view of the church at Hampton Lucy by Thomas Baker for under £7,000.

Three categories receive special attention by Phillips' experts because they are underpriced: English drinking glasses, mainly 18th century, are described as a "splendid bargain"; pewter; and certain types of silver such as Georgian cream jugs and small collectables.

A glass authority, John Brooks of Rothley, Leicestershire, says that after several years in the doldrums "glass prices are definitely on the move". He cites a standard opaque twist Georgian glass, which was £60 four years ago, *£55 some 18 months ago* and more than £80 today.

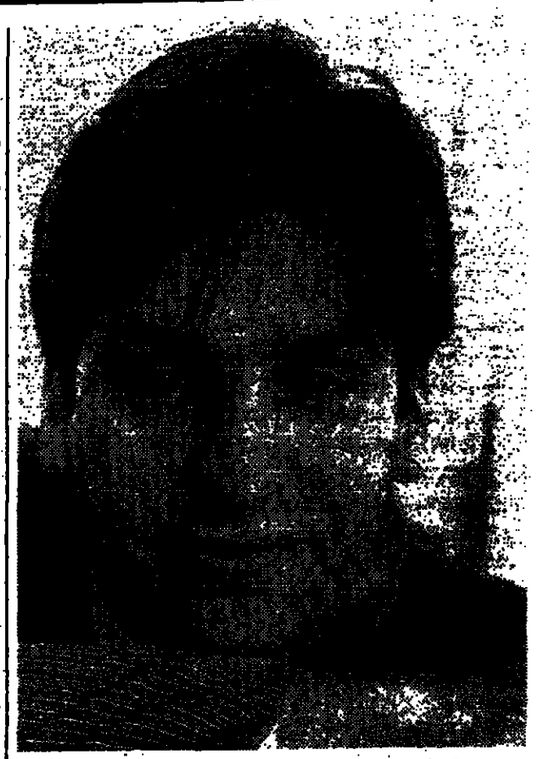
In recent auctions, demand has caused prices of quality glass to jump, such as a Williamite glass which was estimated at £600-£700 but achieved £1,600. Mr Brooks says a standard enamelled Beilby glass would have cost £750 four years ago and only £550 today.

In other fields, the experts recommend ceramics (lesser 18th-century English and English and Chinese blue and white), textiles including fans, jewellery (Fabegé, Edwardian and deco), art glass and pottery, toy soldiers, golf memorabilia, miniatures, Dinky toys, 19th-century Oriental bronzes, photographs, and historical and commemorative medals.

WHAT'S ON OFFER IN THE ANTIQUE WORLD

Subject	Items strongest in demand in 1986.	Items considered 'underpriced' for 1987.	Specialists' recommendations for 1987.
Furniture	Fine English period & decorative, 18th C French. Best Edwardian. Windsor Chairs. Dining sets.	Middle of the road. Continental. Oak. Dutch marquetry. Cane furniture.	To £500: Pedestal chairs. To £3,000: Library tables. Early oak coffers. George III bureau bookcases. Above: Sets of period chairs.
Paintings	All high quality. 16-18th English portraits. Victorian marine and sporting. Top impressionists.	15th-16th C Italian. Outstanding Victorian.	To £3,000: Dutch 17th C portraits. £3,000+: Italian 15th-16th C primitives. English portraits. £100,000+: Impressionists.
Modern British Pictures	Newlyn School.	Postwar artists. English surrealists.	To £3,000: St Ives School. Above: Sickert.
Watercolours	Good early & Victorian. *Neapolitan gouaches.* Scottish colourists.	Minor colourists 1780-1840. 19th C portraits.	Under £500: Pencil. Early *monochromes.* Illustrators. To £3,000: European and 2nd division. Above: Early English watercolours.
Prints	Good impressions. Decorative prints in period frames.	Minor Old Master prints. Modern British.	To £500: Minor Old Masters. Modern British. Foreign topography. To £3,000: Best quality decorative. Above: Museum quality, major masters.
Art objects, Clocks, etc	Garden statuary. Ivory sculpture. Fine animal bronzes. Tea caddies. Good longcase clocks.	Best 19th C sculpture. Early & Renaissance metalwares. Pewter. Bracket clocks.	To £500: Austrian cold-painted bronzes. Carriage clocks. To £3,000: Chess sets. Music boxes. Above: Marble statuary. Bracket and longcase clocks.
Carpets & Rugs	Good antique rugs. Decorative, room-size carpets, pre-1900. Caucasian.	Antique tribal rugs especially South Persian and Belouchi.	To £1,000: Tribal artefacts.
Silver & Plate	Good flatware services. Good Victorian & modern coffee/tea services. Georgian chambersticks.	Georgian/Victorian cream jugs & mustard pots. Small collectables. Fine Sheffield plate.	To £500: Claret jugs. Old Sheffield candlesticks & trays. To £3,000: Good Victorian domestic silver. Above: Canteens. Storr.
Jewellery	Fine rubies, sapphires, emeralds. Georgian brooches. Named pieces, eg. Cartier, Bourcheron. Art Deco.	17th C & 1950s gold jewellery. Gold and enamel items.	To £500: Victorian Gold chains & bracelets. Coral. To £3,000: 1950s gem-set 'Cocktail' & 'Odeonesque'. Late-Victorian diamond brooches. Above: Fabergé; signed Cartier, etc.
Ceramics & Glass	English porcelain pre-1760. Early English pottery. Scottish pottery. Good French paperweights, Toby jugs, services. Staffordshire sporting figures.	18th C English porcelain figures. Royal Worcester figures. Glassware, esp. 18th C English drinking glasses.	To £500: Outstanding bargain is 18th C drinking glasses. To £3,000: Fine painted 19th C English & Continental cabinet pieces. Above: Top Meissen, English Delft.
Oriental	Japanese late enamels & Satsuma. Chinese export porcelain, especially *armorial. Blanc de Chine.*	Ivory carvings. Chinese enamel. Canton.	To £500: Japanese Ivories. Ming bronzes. To £3,000: 17th C Japanese porcelain. K'ang Hsi porcelain. Small jade. Above: Good enamel & metal.
Art Nouveau & Deco	Good pieces by famous designers. Good cameo glass. Bronze & ivory figures. Quality & rare Doulton.	Posters & certain graphics. Bronzes by lesser artists. Doulton animals.	To £500: Jewellery by known makers. Doulton animals. To £3,000: Lesser artists' bronzes. Above: Bronzes by respected British sculptors.
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Source: Phillips



Sparkling: David Lyons of north London wins the magnum

Champagne cheers for our Christmas money quiz winners

How much do you think you know about unit trusts, insurance, pensions, building societies or other subjects that generally come under the heading of personal finance, and how quick are you to spot the names of key personalities in the personal finance world?

That's what we asked in the Family Money Champagne Christmas Quiz. We received answers from more than 700 readers who showed a high degree of knowledge and awareness.

We promised a magnum of Krug Grande Cuvée Champagne to the sender of the first all-correct entry to be drawn from a hat, and earlier this week, this time-honoured ritual gave us the name of David Lyons of London NI. Congratulations to Mr Lyons.

We also promised that the senders of the next five all-correct entries would each win a bottle of Krug Grande Cuvée. They are: **Paul Bryan** of Banstead, Surrey; **Dr M G Buckley** of London WC1; **J Humphreys** of Bristol; **M R Lewis** of High Barnet, Hertfordshire; and **I Robertson** of Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Senders of the next 10 all-correct entries to be drawn were promised a £15 book token each. They are: **Mrs K Corne** of Tunbridge Wells, Kent; **Edenhall Securities** of Bristol; **John Prentice** of Purley, Surrey; **Dr P S Raine** of Brentford, Middlesex; **C T Shrivell** of Coulsdon, Surrey; **Mrs C N Swaisi** of Deal, Kent; **S L Tanner** of London W2; **Cicely Taylor** of London W11; **Dorothy Williams** of *Epsom Downs, Surrey; and P W Wright* of Putney, London SW15.

All our winners have been notified and their prizes are on the way. Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who entered.

Winning answers

Our winners have already shown that they know the answers but for those whose knowledge was a bit shaky here are those winning answers:

1 (a) Sir Kenneth Berrill; 2 (a) £2,400; 3 (b) Business Start-up Scheme; 4 (d) 150p; 5 (a) 1861; 6 (c) Peter Miller; 7 (b) 1965; 8 (d) £293 billion; 9 (a) The State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme; 10 (d) National Westminster; 11 (b) BIBA; 12 (b) Cambrian & General; 13 (c) Adam Faith; 14 (a) James Haswell; 15 (c) 1980; 16 (b) Cecil Parkinson; 17 (c) 1983; 18 (b) 17.5 per cent; 19 (a) Spain; 20 (a) January 22.

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Citicorp woos the credit-card holders

Now that we are well into the New Year, JOHN ROBERTS continues his analysis of the changing role of financial institutions. This week he reviews Citicorp

When the New York-based Citicorp, one of the world's largest banking groups, became a London clearing bank in late 1984, the vision conjured up was of a challenging new presence on the British high street, shaking the cosy quadropoly of the London majors. It hasn't happened like that.

On course for a seemingly modest target of 250 distribution points in 10 years, it has to date 19 direct branches and 18 indirect ones.

The number of people it employs in UK retail financial services has more than doubled in the past 18 months to about 1,800. It began mortgage lending in 1978, before the London clearers, and that, having doubled in the past 12 months, is now a £500 million-a-year affair. That makes Citibank Savings the 20th largest lender for house purchase in Britain.

Home improvement lending, a slack market, and the still growing instalment credit through motor dealers are together running at around £135 million a year.

It is the lender behind the invisible operator of the cards offered to customers by such major retail groups as Marks & Spencer, Allders department stores and Colliers. Last August it set up a card operation as a joint venture with Storehouse, which owns British Home Stores, Mothercare, Richards, Habitat and Heal's.

Also last August, Citicorp moved from half to full ownership of the Diners' Club card business. And since January 1986 it has owned its own UK insurance company, British National Life, which sells mainly unit-linked policies through a direct sales force of more than 250.

Chain of branches 'unprofitable'

In the past, Citicorp has had even greater ambitions for the British market. When a spate of US banking acquisitions by British banks provoked New York's then Controller of Banking, Muriel Siebert, to inquire of the Bank of England about reciprocal access, Citicorp was one of those hankering after the then besieged Midland. It was not allowed.

Today Citicorp's head of consumer services in the UK, Robert Selander, believes it would not be profitable to open a vast number of new high-street branches. He points out that the building societies have stabilized and the London cleaners are contracting their number of branches.

Mr Selander says: "We can either go for a large distribution base offering a limited product range or a full range of services from a small distribution base, operating by telephone, offering automated teller machines and a convenient transactional service.

"If I went for the broad middle market — say, the entire employed population as a target area — it would be difficult to build a distribution system akin to the banks from scratch."

That, he suggested, would be achievable in practice only through a major acquisition which, given that the banks are not available, leaves the question of a building society.

"Nothing can happen there until 1988 at the earliest," he said. Even those building societies which do incorporate from mutual institutions into limited companies will be restricted at first to having not more than 15 per cent of their shares held by a single owner.

I gained a distinct impression that the relevant dates are all entered into Mr Selander's diary, if only in pencil.



Bob Selander, of Citicorp, plans to expand services through card-carrying clients of Diners' Club and Marks & Spencer

In the meantime, however, absorbing full ownership of Diners' Club and British National will give Mr Selander and his team quite enough to work on. An early priority will be to give the insurance sales team more products such as pensions and unit trusts.

British National's activities are being brought together with Citicorp's existing insurance activities, which have been slanted towards credit-related insurance such as health and disability cover, at least during the life of an instalment credit agreement.

But for the time being Citicorp might need to negotiate with the US banking authorities if it wished to extend its range of insurance policies into what in any case many regard as the unattractive area of motor insurance, for instance.

So how shall we find Citicorp trying to get involved in our personal finances?

Certainly, if you hold a Diners' Club card or even one from Marks & Spencer or British Home Stores, you are likely to hear directly from Citibank and British National. The arrangements Citicorp has made with the retailers entitles it to use that invaluable account information to sell financial services directly.

British National's investment record has been good and that will be exploited. Citicorp also owns the London stockbroking firm Scrimgeour Vickers which has its own small unit trust activity.

By post and telephone it will offer an all-but-comprehensive banking service. It has already proved innovative in mortgage lending with, for instance, a scheme setting minimum and maximum interest rates. Its cheque book account pays interest on current accounts.

For those with personal assets equivalent to more than $1 million and liquid assets that can be invested, there is an autonomous "private bank", and for those just below this level, particularly expatriates and Middle East clients living in the UK, there is the usual offshore banking facility in Jersey.

Although we may not see the blue facia and four-pointed star logo above a branch on every high street throughout the land, Citicorp is beginning to make its presence felt.

In search of a better agreement

Insurance companies are finding it increasingly difficult to come up with an agreement on commission payments to brokers who introduce business to them.

This week the Linked Life Assurance Group (LLAG) joined the fray, with its detailed response to the system of commissions for life policies and unit trusts which was proposed last November by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (LAUTRO).

That system set out to lay down maximum scales of commission on all types of unit trust, life assurance, pensions and permanent health contracts in such a way as to protect the consumer by ensuring that there was no conflict between the intermediary's own interest and his duty to give impartial advice to his client.

So far, so good.

Except that now the LLAG which represents 37 unit-linked life companies has said that the commission structure proposed by LAUTRO is too complex to be readily understood by either consumers or practitioners.

The LLAG's solution is to propose its own alternative commission system for professional intermediaries selling life policies and unit trusts.

LLAG's chairman Don Shore argues that his organisation's proposed system would mean that the amounts payable are not greatly different from LAUTRO proposals but that they offer a simplified structure and a more practical proposition.



Don Shore: Chairman of Linked Life Assurance Group argues his point

If it all seems like a lot of unnecessary in-fighting between organizations with more acronyms than common sense, it is as well to remember that the aim is to produce a system that ensures fair play for the public as well as a fair living for financial advisers.

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The way to cut your tax bill

Planning now could save tax payers millions of pounds, according to chartered accountants Touche Ross who launched their 1987 "Year-end Tax Planner"* this week. The publication takes the form of a guide and checklist to help individuals minimize their tax bills.

Touche Ross quotes an Inland Revenue estimate that this financial year, individual British tax payers will pay around £40 billion in income tax, capital gains tax and other direct taxes. This is more than 100 times the amount paid just before the second world war. But, the accountants say, with a little planning personal tax payers could usefully reduce the amount they pay to the taxman.

Touche Ross partner Bill Packer says that the approach of 5 April which marks the end of the financial year concentrates the minds of tax payers on what they could or indeed should do to minimize their tax liability, remembering that once this date is past, opportunities may have been lost for ever.

Indeed if changes are made in the law they often take effect from Budget Day and it may be wise to act before then. So, there may be a case for considering whether arrangements should be put into effect by the beginning of March to avoid any possible problems.

There's certainly no shortage of planning possibilities.

It's around this time of year, for example, that married couples need to remember that they can elect for the wife's earnings to be taxed separately. This means that her earnings, though not her investment income, are taxed as though she were a single person. The possible disadvantage is that the husband loses the married man's personal allowance (£3,655 for 1986/87) which is replaced by the single person's allowance (£2,335).

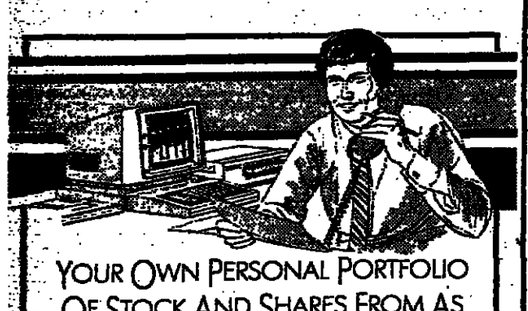
Precise figures need to be worked out in each case but generally such an election will not make sense for 1986/87 unless total joint income is at least £26,520 (1985/86, £25,360) and the lower earning spouse earns at least £6,985 (1985/86, £6,955). These are minimum figures which may need to be increased by mortgage interest relief.

As total joint income increases, the lower earnings limit may be reduced. An election for separate taxation of the wife's earnings, or the withdrawal of an existing election, must be made within 12 months of the end of the tax year concerned. So, an election for 1985/86 must be made or withdrawn by 5 April.

Where full use is not being made of the wife's personal allowance, a deed of covenant can be entered into by the husband to top up his wife's income. Remember though that this is only effective in the year of marriage. After that, husband and wife are treated as one for income tax purposes.

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Protection against losing key staff

The death or departure of a key executive, particularly in a small company, will almost certainly have a serious financial impact on the company's fortunes. But though no company in its right mind would fail to take out fire insurance, many companies just don't think about insurance to cover the loss of their most important assets – the abilities of their key personnel.

Insurance company actuaries say that the probability of a man aged 40 dying before he reaches 65 is as high as one-in-four.

Many clients, suppliers and creditors base their relationship with the firm on their confidence in an individual's ability. If that person is no longer around this can lead to a decline in demand for the firm's products or services and a shortage of funds as suppliers demand immediate payment. The firm may also find it hard to raise further loans for expansion.

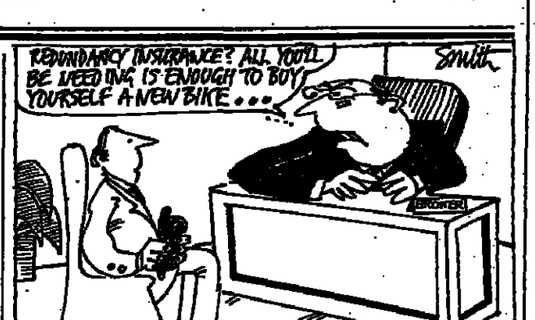
This week, the life assurance company Scottish Amicable has come up with a corporate protection plan to help a company guard against the loss of its key personnel.

Keyman FlexiCover is designed to help meet the costs of recruitment and training of a key person's replacement along with other commercial losses that may be suffered. It's an investment-linked whole life assurance which provides a cash value. This is different from a term assurance which pays out only on death.

The level of cover can be varied to allow for inflation or to reflect the progress of a key person within the company.

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Insurers offer cold comfort

Measures such as lump-sum compensation and early retirement pensions have been used in recent years to lessen the impact of sudden job loss. But there remains one gaping hole – insurance against redundancy.
NICHOLAS COLE reports

If insurance against redundancy exists its camouflage is excellent. An exhaustive search of the market has revealed a total lack of any off-the-shelf policy that pays out a regular income, even for a limited period, to anyone on whom the axe falls, though Lloyd's thought it *might* be feasible by offering an underwriter "a risk rather than a hypothetical question".

This advice was followed, but it produced a knee-jerk reaction. Mere mention of "redundancy" unleashed a counter-barrage of responses from the understandable "one would be very vulnerable as an insurer" to the truly mind-boggling "the only people you'd get are those worried about their jobs".

Insurers would apparently be selective in accepting such people, especially if they live in certain geographically undesirable areas, and these were prime reasons for the failure of schemes piloted commercially during the 1970s. Liverpool and Sheffield were specifically mentioned.

It was useless pointing out that more than 95 per cent of the population do not inhabit these estimable cities. No one wants to know.

One insurer believed the problem is "too vast and universal" to be met by the insurance industry, and that as "an uninsurable risk" it is dealt with by the state.

How comforting but misguided it would be to share his conviction. The statutory "cushion" appears reasonably comprehensive, with provision that includes redundancy compensation comprising half-a-week's pay to 1½-weeks' pay, up to a maximum £152 a week for every complete year of service, depending on age, mortgage interest relief in certain cases, rent and rate rebates, plus unemployment and social security benefits.

Even combined, however, these came nowhere near bridging the gap created by sudden loss of earnings. The sometimes generous severance payments, made in addition to the legal minimum, need to be extremely generous, for example at least £150,000, before any recipient can consider investing to produce a realistic "unearned" income.

The average is probably nearer one-tenth of that sum and is clearly finite. If such capital has to substitute for regular income instead of servicing long-term plans, it plainly cannot outlast a protracted period of unemployment – six months for an executive is common, two years not unknown – or retraining.

Nor is more than one major budget item safeguarded when home-owners wisely buy insurance covering mortgage repayments, which can account for a quarter of income. This cover can be obtained at a premium of around £4 per £1,000 of protection. Homeowners have no wish to join the 30,000 or so with loans six to 12 months in arrears. At least 30 per cent of these relate directly to unemployment.

There remains exposed a vast grey area of miscellaneous outgoings – food and related household expenses, heating, lighting, servicing and maintenance agreements, clothing, general rates and water rates, plus all those "discretionary" items, such as car, telephone, travel, leisure spending, holidays and annual subscriptions, without which life can sink into a distressing "siege" existence.

A vast grey area of outgoings

Most of us prefer not to contemplate the possibility of redundancy and the debit side of its implications. "We all tend to think or hope we'll be all right," says the Association of British Insurers, adding that demand for cover against job loss "has not really been demonstrated".

This is hardly surprising, considering the industry's *laissez-faire* reluctance to be further involved, coupled with consumer stoicism that clearly amounts to recklessness in numerous cases.

If it was realized more widely that pre-emptive arrangements would dramatically improve not just personal security and money management leeway but also the chances of being able to maintain that lump sum intact, demand would ensue as inevitably as it did for mortgage protection.

With equal certainty, market pioneers would re-emerge ready and able to overcome the chief obstacles, including a high claims percentage, and actuarial costs which would allegedly push premiums to the same level as payouts.

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Quiet enjoyment breached by superior title

Celsteel Ltd and Others v Alton House Holdings Ltd and Another (No.2)

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Parker

[Judgment December 18]

A lessor was not in breach of his covenant for quiet enjoyment where the acts constituting an interruption of the lessee's rights were the exercise of rights created by a title superior to the lessor's.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing, in a reserved judgment, an appeal by the lessee, Mobil Oil Co Ltd, from a decision of Mr Justice Scott (*The Times* November 11, 1985; [1986] 1 WLR 666) in favour of the lessor, Alton House Holdings Ltd.

Mr Michael Barnes, QC and Mr Edward Davidson for Mobil; Mr Dennis Levy, QC and Mr George Laurence for Alton House.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that Calflane Ltd was the owner of the freehold of a property called Cavendish House in St John's Wood, London. The site was acquired by Calflane in the 1970s and was developed by 1981 as a block of flats.

In that year, Calflane leased the flats, together with garages, to various persons. The leases contained grants of rights of way to the tenants over "the drives" and certain other areas of the property.

On March 1, 1982 Calflane conveyed the freehold of Cavendish House to Alton House subject to the leases. On October 27, 1982 Alton House granted to Mobil for the term of 99 years a lease of part of the property.

The effect of that lease was that Alton House demised to Mobil part of the driveway over which the tenants of the flats and garages enjoyed and were then exercising rights of way.

Mobil proposed to build a car wash on the land demised to it. The tenants of the flats and garages then commenced an action to restrain Mobil from building the car wash which they said would interfere with their rights of way.

The issue was tried before Mr Justice Scott, who gave judgment (*The Times* July 2, 1984; [1985] 1 WLR 204) for the tenants and granted injunctions against Mobil and Alton House restraining the construction of the car wash.

Mobil contended that the injunction constituted a breach of the covenant for quiet enjoyment contained in the lease by Alton House to Mobil.

Consequently, Mobil claimed an indemnity against the costs of the action and damages for the breach of covenant. It was upon that claim that the judge gave the judgment which was now appealed from.

Mobil contended that the exercise by the flat and garage tenants of their lawful rights of way over part of the premises *leased to Mobil so as to prevent* Mobil from building the car wash constituted an interference with Mobil's enjoyment of the premises demised to it.

It was Mobil's case that the tenants were persons claiming "under" Alton House and that Alton House was accordingly liable on the covenant.

It was accepted by Mobil that (a) the express covenant for quiet enjoyment excluded any implied covenant for quiet enjoyment, and (b) the tenants did not claim "through" or "in trust for" Alton House. The case, therefore, turned on the ambit of the words "claiming under". The judge rejected Mobil's claim and held that the tenants did not claim under Alton House.

Mobil accepted that covenants for title were commonly qualified to exclude liability for acts of predecessors in title and that the covenant here was qualified.

However, Mobil contended that when an assignor of a reversion upon a term warranted to an assignee freedom of interruption by the assignor's lessees he was not taking on liability for acts of his predecessors in title but merely of his own immediate tenants whose rights would be known to him and that that was so whether the leases were granted by the assignor himself or by a predecessor.

In his Lordship's opinion, the judge came to the right conclusion. It might well be that the tenants could properly be described as "holding" under Alton House but they did not "claim" under Alton House in the context of the covenant.

The covenant warranted that Mobil should hold the premises "without interruption by . . . any person lawfully claiming . . . under . . . [Alton House]".

That language raised the question "claiming what?" The answer to that was: claiming a lawful right to interrupt the lessee's occupation of the demised property. That indeed was what the tenants did claim – and successfully as was determined at the 1984 hearing.

The next question was: did the tenants claim that right "under" Alton House? They did not. In asserting and establishing the right, the tenants did not need to refer to Alton House or any act or disposition of Alton House at all.

They derived their right from Calflane and it would be from and through Calflane alone that they would deduce the title which gave them the right to claim the injunctions.

Alton House formed no part of that title and it never conferred upon the tenants any rights in respect of the premises at all. The rights were created by virtue of a title paramount to Alton House which at all times had effect in priority to Alton House's title and was superior to it.

In those circumstances, it would not be a proper use of English to say that the tenants claimed "under" Alton House. Their relevant rights were wholly independent of anything ever done by Alton House. The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Parker agreed.

Solicitors: Metson Cross & Co; Crellins & Co, Walton-on-Thames.

Warrant is valid if not carried

Jones v Kelsey

A warrant issued pursuant to section 16(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 to arrest a person for the breach of a community service order was "a warrant to arrest a person in connection with an offence" within the meaning of section 125(4) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980.

Accordingly, the warrant could be executed by a constable notwithstanding that it was not in his possession at the time of the arrest.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Tudor Evans) on December 5 allowed a prosecutor's appeal from a decision of Kettering Justices who dismissed charges of obstructing and assaulting a constable in the execution of her duty when she attempted to arrest a person on a warrant issued under section 16(1) of the 1973 Act although she did not have the warrant in her possession at the time.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that the words of section 125(4) of the 1980 Act embraced the person who was to be arrested for a breach of a community service order which was made for an offence.

The person was then a person who was to be arrested in connection with the original offence because it was the fact that he had been convicted of that original offence which gave the court power to deal with him.

When judge must hear new evidence

Wales Tourist Board v Roberts

A judge, hearing an appeal, or an application for leave to appeal out of time, from a registrar's order on an application for summary judgment or other interlocutory application, had no power to refuse to consider fresh evidence adduced on the appeal or application on the basis that it could reasonably have been but had not been adduced before the registrar.

All relevant evidence adduced on such an appeal or application should be considered, although evidence which first appeared at a late stage would be looked at with circumspection.

The *dictum* of Lord Justice Buckley in *Chanel Ltd v F. W. Woolworth & Co Ltd* ([1981] 1 WLR 485, 492-3) applied only to further applications to a tribunal for its earlier order to be varied or set aside, and therefore the note in *The County Court Practice 1986*, p341, which appeared to apply that decision to appeals from registrars, was wrong.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln) so held on December 2, allowing an appeal by the defendant from the refusal of Judge Gibbon, QC, in *Cardiff County Court* to grant her leave to appeal out of time from an order for summary judgment made by the registrar. The Court of Appeal granted the defendant conditional leave to defend.

Premature consent order invalid

Board (orse Checkland) v Checkland (Board intervening)

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln

[Judgment December 15]

The courts had no jurisdiction, even by consent, to make an order for financial provision under section 23 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 until a decree *nisi* had been pronounced in divorce proceedings.

Where, therefore, a court had purported to make such a consent order before decree *nisi* which had been expressed to take effect "upon the making of the decree *nisi*" it had been made without jurisdiction and could not be validated, under the relevant slip rule or the inherent jurisdiction of the court, by changing the date on the order to that of the decree *nisi*.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal from Judge McManus, QC, at Horsham County Court who on September 10 had set aside an order of the registrar, who had purported to amend a previous consent order under the slip rule or the court's inherent jurisdiction.

The consent order, for payment of a lump sum by instalments under section 23(1)(*c*) of the 1973 Act, had been made in divorce proceedings brought by the petitioner, Mrs Shirley Frances Board (orse Checkland), before the decree *nisi* had been pronounced, to take effect "upon the making of the decree *nisi*".

The order as drawn up bore the date on which it had been made rather than, as had been intended, the date of the decree. The decree had been pronounced shortly afterwards and had in due course been made absolute, and payments had been made to the petitioner under the order by her former husband, Mr Michael Checkland, until her death.

Thereafter the executor of the petitioner's estate had sought to enforce the order and, having discovered that the date of the order indicated that it had been made without jurisdiction, applied to the registrar for the amendment of the order by changing its date to that of the decree *nisi* and deleting the words "upon the making of the decree *nisi*". The registrar had acceded to that application but his order had been set aside by the judge.

Mr Allan Levy for the executor; Mr Stephen Hockman for the husband.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that a preliminary procedural matter had arisen as to the status of the executor in the proceedings. Since these were divorce proceedings it would be wrong to substitute the personal representative for the petitioner, and the court would adopt the course which had been taken in *Kelly v Kelly and Brown (Westminster Bank Ltd intervening)* ([1961] P 94) and grant the executor leave to intervene in the proceedings.

His Lordship had considerable sympathy with the registrar, who had been seeking to give effect to the clear intention of both parties, and of the registrar who had made the consent order, by putting right what he considered to have been an error.

The judge had set aside the registrar's order because he had taken the view that where a court lacked jurisdiction to make an order when it purported to make it, then it could not subsequently be validated by means of the sort of order which the registrar had made.

In none of the cases to which the court had been referred had the court held that it had power to amend an order under the slip rule or the inherent jurisdiction so as to breathe life into an order which had been made without jurisdiction.

It was clear from *R v Cripps, Ex parte Muldoon* ([1984] QB 686) that although the scope of the slip rule was wide, enabling the court to rectify its orders to conform with what the court acting with jurisdiction intended, the court could not exercise its powers under the rule or its inherent jurisdiction to validate an order which had been obtained irregularly.

That that so was made crystal clear by *Monks v Monks* ([1985] FLR 576), where Sir Roger Ormrod had distinguished between an order made by a court which had jurisdiction to make it but which when drawn up did not give effect to the court's intention, and an order made without any jurisdiction at all. Only in the former case could the order as drawn be amended to conform with the order which the court had intended to make.

The court could not breathe life into an order made without jurisdiction which had therefore never had any life at any time. The judge had been correct and the appeal should be dismissed.

MR JUSTICE ANTHONY LINCOLN, concurring, said that the making of an order under section 23 before the pronouncement of a decree *nisi* was clearly not authorized by the Act.

In making such an order, the court had to consider the resources of the parties at the time of the decree, not earlier. Even where there was a consent order the court would inquire into the parties' circumstances.

The date on which the consent order would take effect had been unascertainable when it had been made. By the time that date had arrived, the parties' circumstances could well have changed materially. There had been no jurisdiction in the court to make the consent order, and the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Keene Marsland; Thomas Eggar & Son, Horsham.

Construing order for interim payment

Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc and Another v Maclaine, Watson & Co Ltd and Another

Properly construed, rules 11 and 12 of Order 29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court could be read together to permit the court to make an order for interim payment where it was satisfied that, if the action proceeded to trial, the plaintiff would obtain judgment either for substantial damages, within rule 11(1)(*c*), or for a substantial sum of money apart from damages, within rule 12(*c*), even though it might not be certain which.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir John Megaw) so held on December 19, allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs from Mr Justice Bingham who on July 11, 1986, had refused their application for interim payments on the ground *that he* only had power to make such an order under rule 11 or under rule 12 of Order 29, not under both, and that as he could not decide between them he could not make any order at all.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said the solution lay in the way the question was asked. The difficulty was created by asking separately under either rule whether the plaintiff was bound to succeed, because in either case, since he might succeed under the other rule, one had to answer no.

But the difficulty disappeared if one asked the single question whether the plaintiff was bound to succeed under one rule or the other. Though that did some violence to the language of the rules, that was justified in order to make sense of the rules as a *whole*.

RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND PLAYERS SEEKING NORTHERN TOGETHERNESS BEFORE THEIR OPENING INTERNATIONAL

Redman hoping to be fit to join in England's training

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The England squad for next weekend's opening international, against Scotland at Twickenham, will gather this evening for their first training together as a match squad. They are due to work at Roehampton tomorrow morning, although there are contingency plans should winter's grip become too icy — plans which several clubs have also made, since there is an obvious risk of some of today's games being frozen off.

It will be the chance for England — players and coaches — to echo the North's preparations before their successful march to the divisional championship. In the case of the North, two important decisions were made very early, before the team itself was chosen: Mike Harrison was asked to lead the team and Paul Simpson the pack.

Both men responded superbly to the responsibilities given them and it is no coincidence that both should have returned to the England side. "As the divisional championship progressed, we got more back from the players," David Robinson, their coach, said. "If things are going well, then I believe the players themselves can take over and we found that happening.

"My job was partly to get all the lads on my side, fighting for a cause. The coach has to get into people's brains, find out what makes them tick then jolly them along. And if the North have contributed anything to England this season I'll be delighted, because I'm desperately keen to see England do well."

Robinson, who helps run a family dairy farm in Cumbria, is not yet certain that he will be able to remain as the divisional coach next season because of the demands of his business. "There's no game plan in farming," he said drily, and he will review his position in September. However, he has sown some seed this season, since seven of his divisional players will appear at Twickenham next Saturday.

If England can begin with a win, their confidence will increase and they will gain that forward momentum which the North achieved and which any new side needs. They will hope, of course, that today's club programme does not rob them of any players and that those who have been injured, like Nigel Redman, the Bath lock, prove their fitness to their own and everyone else's satisfaction.

Simpson will miss Bath's game, against London Welsh, because of a slight knee injury, his place going to David Egerton, but it is only a precautionary rest and his place next weekend is not in doubt.

There are three John Smith's merit table games, at Bristol, where Coventry are the visitors; at Leicester, hosts to Gloucester and, in table B, Richmond's match with London Irish.

After all the demeriting we have had, the match at Leicester is a 'remerit', though that may be no comfort to Gloucester, who have lost home advantage. Last month's game between the teams at Kingsholm (which Gloucester won easily) was demerited at Leicester's request.

All clubs concerned have been circulated by the organizers, asking for table games which have been demerited to be played if possible. In Leicester's case the kick-off time has been brought forward to 2.30 in case of early frost; Nottingham plan to move their match with Rosslyn Park to East Retford (as they did successfully last season) if their own Beeston pitch proves unplayable.

WRU refuses to reduce Bishop ban

The Welsh Rugby Union look set to be taken to court over their refusal to lift or even reduce the 11-month suspension of David Bishop, the former international scrum-half.

Bishop lost his appeal yesterday and his solicitor called the decision "merciless and crushing." The WRU, who in October found Bishop guilty of bringing the game into disrepute after his suspended prison sentence for assaulting Chris Jarman of Newbridge, announced that their executive committee had found "no reason to depart from or vary the decision arrived at by the general committee."

It remains to be seen whether David Barclay will still be coach to the Park by next weekend. He indicated last month his intention of resigning at the end of this season, after three years in the post, but the club's executive committee will discuss his position on Monday.

It may be that Graham Davies, the club's second-team coach, will be elevated because Rosslyn Park have been enmeshed in controversy this season, much of it because of Barclay's enthusiasm for South African rugby.

Moseley, who lost to Cardiff last weekend, have Welsh opposition again today in Neath. I am indebted to a reader, Cecil Shears, a member of the Moseley Old Players' Association, for pointing out that his club has won at Cardiff this century — contrary to the impression given in these columns — although not since 1904. Mr Shears is 85 but his enthusiasm remains undimmed.



Aggressive approach: Simpson has been given the task of leading England's pack

No places certain as French selectors view their talent

By Chris Thau

France start their Five Nations campaign a fortnight later than the four home unions, so the French selectors will wait until the last weekend in January before announcing the team to play Wales in Paris. No trials have been envisaged this season after the relaunch of the regional championship last autumn.

This year, in addition to the All Black series, the regional competition, similar to the divisional championship in England, has provided Jacques Fouroux, the French national coach, and his selectors with an opportunity to see the leading candidates in action for both the Five Nations Championship and the World Cup teams.

The semi-finals of the regional championship were played last weekend, but the final has shrewdly been planned for April, after the Five Nations Championship, as an additional trial before the final World Cup squad of 26 is picked. The finalists are the Central Region and the Pyrenees.

In many countries it would simply be inconceivable to drop any of the 15 heroes who beat the All Blacks in Nantes. But the stream of talent emerging is so rich that Fouroux and his men feel compelled to see them and their challengers in action again before a decision is taken.

In the front row, Dubroca, such an influential player and captain, is a virtual certainty. Nevertheless, at hooker, the French deal from a position of strength with Phillipe Dintrans, the former captain, back to form after a year-long injury, and Bernard Herrero playing vintage rugby for Toulon.

The new Basque prodigy, Pascale Ondarts, may be deposed after one game for France by the previous loose head, Phillipe Marocco, re-asserting himself as a good handler and fearsome scrummager.

Marocco, had an unhappy tour during the summer when France lost three of their four matches against Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. He was dropped, along with Haget, Joinel, Lafond and Charvet, for the Romanian game.

"After a very hard championship the tour was simply an anticlimactic aberration. It was a failure from every single point of view," Jean-Luc Joinel said recently in Brive. He in fact cried off, slightly injured in the semi-final playing for the Central Region against the Basques, but he intends to try to make the World Cup squad.

A new name has been added to the list of back row ability: that of Laurent Cabannes, of Racing Club de France, who seems to impress every time he takes the field. He scored the winning try for the Central Region against the Basques, having played a storming game in the junior quarter-finals the previous week. The French do need a traditional wing forward to capitalize on the penetration of their backs, for Fouroux seems to insist on tall men at the tail of the line-out for their ball-winning ability.

At stand-off half, one of the most sensitive areas of recent seasons, the emergence of Franck Mesnel of Racing Club de France has seemingly ended Lescarboura's virtual monopoly. Last season, the veteran Guy Laporte made an impressive comeback when Lescarboura was injured, but he is not in contention this year.

Since his brother, Gilles, joined Beziers, Didier Camberabero has been playing some majestic rugby. Not only that, his tactical kicking is reaching new heights, and he has also shown a voracious appetite for scoring tries. Although his regional selection, Languedoc-Rousillon, lost 19-16 to the finalists Pyrenees, Camberabero had hardly put a foot wrong and scored two tries.

Anderson hopes for fair weather in his warm-up

By George Ace

There is optimism that today's Digital senior league programme in Ulster will be completed without interruption from the weather, despite the recent cold spell that brought with it severe overnight frost.

One man certainly hoping that Stevenson Park, Dungannon, remains playable is Willie Anderson, Ireland's No. 8 against Wales in Cardiff next Saturday. Anderson, who plays in the second row for Dungannon and Ulster, will be in the middle of the back row, by special request, against NIFC — the only game scheduled for today with no points at stake.

Anderson is no stranger to the No. 8 spot, having played there for club and province right up until Moss Keane announced his retirement a few years ago, after 51 internationals, from the representative scene. Why Anderson was then prevailed upon to make a switch to second row as a replacement for Keane was not easily discernible.

And there is a distinct possibility, depending on how things go in Cardiff, that Anderson will hold down the No.8 spot for the Lansdowne Road game against England on February 7.

It is no secret that Irish coach Mick Doyle was instrumental in Anderson playing at No.8 against Scotland last season and if the big man repeats his performance against Wales Doyle, for one, is going to take a lot of persuading that Michael Gibson, not considered for the game in Cardiff because of a broken bone in his hand, should be given his chance if fit.

Jim Glennon, the 18-stone Skerries lock, who takes over from Anderson in the second row, is fully capable of ensuring that the Irish pack remains unchanged for the England match. Whatever happens in Cardiff, Anderson will still be in the green jersey against England.

Mark McCall, the former Ireland Schools captain, who is in his first season with Bangor, entered hospital yesterday and misses the vital league clash at Eaton Park against Ballymena. McCall is to undergo an exploratory operation on his knee which he injured last weekend.

FIXTURES: Ulster Senior League: Section One: Ballymena v Bangor; Collegians v Malone; Instonians v Ards. Section Two: Academy v CIYMS; Armagh v Portadown; City of Derry v Queen's University. Club Game: Dungannon v NIFC.

Fine line in optimism

By Ian McLauchlan

The mid-term break in the McEwan's National Leagues looks as if it might be extended by a further period, as the extremely cold weather persists in Scotland. Most clubs, with commendable optimism or foolhardiness, have delayed the cancellation of their fixtures.

Postponement of games will, of course, suit some more than others. Ayr, for example, would today have to face West of Scotland without their international wing Munro, their captain Brown, and district flanker McAllum, and their chances of victory would be slim.

The Scottish Rugby Union have made contiagency plans to keep the national XV in top shape before their opening game in the Five Nations Championship against England at Twickenham. The electric blanket has kept the Murrayfield pitch free of frostand should the club card be affected, a practice match will be held at the National Stadium which will involve all the top 40 players.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Bristol v Coventry

Bristol have the England trialists, Webb and Harding, back for this Merit Table A game and Doubleday returns to the front row for the first time this season against a Coventry side which has Johnson, an England squad member, at prop.

Leicester v Gloucester

Nick Jackson returns at lock for Leicester after a long absence, at the expense of Foulkes-Arnold, and French is in the front row. Gloucester pair, Taylor and Mogg, in the centre after longstanding injury problems.

Richmond v London Irish

Simon Smith is back at stand-off half for Richmond, for whom Drane is unavailable. London Irish have yet to open their account in merit table B — six games, six defeats — and have Fitzgerald at flanker instead of O'Driscoll, also unavailable.

Newport v Swansea

Newport, with seven successive wins, hope to eradicate memories of a 51-12 defeat against Swansea four months ago. They have Coombs at scrum half against a Swansea side boasting five internationals in their back division.

Bath v London Welsh

Bath field their strongest side since November, resting only Dawe, their hooker, before his first international appearance. Douglas returns at scrum half for the Welsh after missing the last four games and Jeremy Evans plays flanker after injury.

Moseley v Neath

Moseley saved several games last season by spreading the Reddings with straw and have done so again. Ricardo is named at lock against the Welshmen who hope to include Jonathan Davies at stand-off half.

Wasps v Llanelli

Only Lozowski and Stringer are missing from Wasps' strongest line-up, their places at centre and full back going to Minihan and Davies respectively. Pickering, confirmed as Wales's captain, is due to play for Llanelli.

Harlequins v Blackheath

Harlequins remain without their internationals, Rose and Salmon, Thresher and and Thompson retaining their places at full back and centre. Wall plays lock but Blackheath have five men out, including an entire front row.

Nottingham v Rosslyn Pk

Richard Moon is not available for Nottingham, his place at scrum half going to Morgan, otherwise the Midland club is at strength against the Park, who restore Jermyn at stand-off half and bring the former Cambridge University pair, Timmins and Stottard, into the front row.

TENNIS

Shriver's majesty is rewarded with semi-final placing

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Sydney

Pam Shriver, whose purple skirt reflects the recent majesty of her tennis, is the only player who was seeded to reach the singles semi-finals of the New South Wales championships, sponsored by Family Circle, and has actually done so. Today's pairings will be Wendy Turnbull v Zina Garrison and Manuela Maleeva v Miss Shriver.

Miss Turnbull, aged 34, has beaten two more highly-ranked players, Hana Mandlikova and Lori McNeil, and has reminded us that since her first tour (in 1972) she has contested 23 singles or doubles finals in grand slam tournaments. She is heavier than she used to be and confesses that she no longer moves as well and is less consistent. "But experience may have given me a little mental edge over most players," she said yesterday after a 6-4, 7-5 win over Miss McNeil.

Miss Garrison, like Miss McNeil, is a black product of public parks coaching in Houston. In 1985 she reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon and yesterday she played increasingly well to win 6-3, 6-1 against Helena Sukova, who had won their four previous matches. "I'm getting older and wiser," Miss Garrison said. "Today I was pretty cool and tried to pick my shots. She came in a lot on her second serve. The ball was just sitting there and I could hit it where I wanted."

Miss Maleeva, like Miss Sukova, is short of match play but had a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over Enstsuko Inoue of Japan, a neatly competent but lightweight grass court player who had previously put Claudia Kohde-Kilsch out of the running. Miss Shriver, who freely admits that she has hit the most consistently good form of her career, beat Catarina Lindqvist 6-4, 6-2, thus avenging a defeat in the last Australian championships.

The doubles teams seeded to reach the final were both beaten. Jenny Byrne and Janine Thompson had a 7-5, 7-5 win over Miss Kohde-Kilsch and Miss Sukova and Miss Garrison and Miss McNeil beat Miss Mandlikova and Miss Turnbull 6-2, 6-4. Throughout a glorious summer day there were hints that a few celebrities cared less about success in Sydney than they did about their preparation for the forthcoming Australian championships.

This, after all, is the Eastbourne of the Australian season: a charming, comparatively relaxed event in which the women adjust their thinking and their tennis to the imminent challenge of a grand slam tournament on grass. Come to that, the ambiance of the White City is much like that of Eastbourne but without the evergreen oaks and the shrieking gulls — visually more pleasing than the double-decker trains that trundle alongside the White City.

What a startling tonic it has been to exchange wintry West Sussex for summer in Sydney. Yesterday there was relentlessly bright, smouldering heat. The umpires were sheltered by flowery, fringed parasols. The players' shadowed silhouettes, stunted at midday, gradually lengthened. And there is a restfully pervasive greenness about the White City. Even the roofs of the stands are green, the seats aquamarine.

Sydney is a good place to be, anyway. There are lots of Australians in it and the place has as much room for the eccentric as the aesthete. Two long-familiar chums, Sue Barker and John Alexander, are doing television commentaries. And what a joyous accident it is that your cricket and tennis correspondents, who had not met since 1979, are again sharing a table — which would have been far more likely at some pub in Longparish or Midhurst. Some sort of cricket match begins here today but Australians seem reluctant to talk about it.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Maleeva (Bul) bt E Inoue (Japan) 4-6, 6-2, 8-2; Z Garrison (US) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-3, 6-1; W Turnbull (Aus) bt L McNeil (US) 6-4, 7-5; P Shriver (US) bt C Lindqvist (Swe) 6-4, 6-2.

Britain's women destined to meet

From Rex Bellamy, Sydney

Britain's modest array of players on the women's international circuit seem fated to meet in the early rounds of grand slam championships. Assuming that both justify the world rankings by beating their first round opponents, Sara Gomer and Anne Hobbs will play each other in the second round of the Australian championships, which will begin on Monday in Melbourne.

This sort of thing is familiar. The most recent examples occurred in the last Australian championships, when Miss Gomer was beaten by Jo Durie in the second round, and in the French championships, when Miss Hobbs beat Miss Durie in the first round. In Melbourne, Dianne Balestrat (née Fromholtz) has been seeded to come through the Gomer-Hobbs section of the draw and Miss Durie, seeded 14th, will supposedly lose to Pam Shriver when the field has been reduced to 16.

The qualifiers are not yet known but Britain's Davis Cup singles players are already in the draw. Jeremy Bates and the sixth seed, Miloslav Mecir, runner-up for the United States championship, have byes in the first round and will meet in the second. Andrew Castle has a first-round match with Bruce Derlin (New Zealand) and the winner could eventually share a court with the ninth seed, Anders Jarryd.

The seedings suggest that the semi-final pairings will be Martina Navratilova v Miss Shriver (a clash far too familiar to Miss Shriver), Helena Sukova v Hana Mandlikova, Ivan Lendl v Yannick Noah and Stefan Edberg v Boris Becker. Slobodan Zivojinovic, who beat John McEnroe in Melbourne last year and reached the Wimbledon semi-finals, may have some brusque questions to ask Becker in the third round. But no match will be more eagerly awaited than that scheduled between Pat Cash and Henri Leconte in the last 16. Leconte beat Cash at Wimbledon.

The most obvious absentees, for a variety of reasons, will be Mats Wilander, Joakim Nystrom, McEnroe, Mikael Pernfors, Chris Lloyd, Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini. Mrs Lloyd, evidently suffering from the wear and tear of 16 years of the international circuit, has been forced to miss a grand slam event for the first time since 1983.

SEEDINGS: Men: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, Y Noah (Fr) 4, S Edberg (Swe); 5, H Leconte (Fr); 6, M Mecir (Cz); 7, B Gilbert (US); 8, K Curren (US); 9, A Jarryd (Swe); 10, J Krick (US); 11, P Cash (Aus); 12, M Srejber (Cz); 13, R Seguso (US); 14, T Wilkison (US); 15, J Hlasek (Switz); 16, R Krishnan (India); Women: 1, M Navratilova (US); 2, H Mandlikova (Cz); 3, P Shriver (US); 4, H Sukova (Cz); 5, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 6, M Maleeva (Bul); 7, Z Garrison (US); 8, L McNeil (US); 9, R White (US); 10, C Lindqvist (Swe); 11, W Turnbull (Aus); 12, C Bassett (Can); 13, T Phelps (US); 14, J Durie (GB); 15, D Balestrat (Aus); 16, R Fairbank (SA).

Noah makes early exit

Perth (Reuter) — Yannick Noah, the French player, had his preparations for the Australian Open ended early yesterday when he was eliminated from the Western Australian Open championship, in which he was the top seed.

Noah, ranked No 4 in the world, was beaten 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 in the quarter-finals of the grass-court tournament by Dan Goldie, an unseeded American ranked 114th. Goldie's opponent in the semi-finals will be his compatriot, Matt Anger, who beat the Australian, Mark Kratzmann, 6-4, 6-4.

Australian Open champion Stefan Edberg, Sweden's Australian Open champion, earned his semi-final place with a 7-6, 6-2 win over Brad Drewett, another Australian.

Edberg, the second seed, will meet the fifth seed, the American Paul Annacone, who was a 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 victor over South Africa's Christo van Rensburg.

● AUCKLAND — Derrick Rostagno, an unheralded American, and Carl Limberger, an unseeded Australian, stole the spotlight in the New Zealand Grand Prix yesterday by reaching the semi-finals.

Limberger beat the American fourth seed, Marcel Freeman, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 in his quarter-final match, and now faces Michiel Schapers, of the Netherlands.

Schapers went through with a 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Bud Schultz, the American who was last year's top seed, in a close contest in which errors in the final set caused the latter's downfall.

Rostagno, the fifth seed, beat Ramesh Krishnan, the Indian Davis Cup player, 6-3, 5-7, 10-8 in an absorbing 161-minute match, and now plays the top-seeded Czech, Miloslav Mecir, in the semi-finals.

The American won the first set with relative ease, but Krishnan levelled when he took the second on a 7-5 win in the tie-breaker. In the third set, Rostagno ultimately proved the more durable over the 18 games.

Rostagno, with an early break, served for a 5-2 lead but lost when he double-faulted on a third break-point. At 4-5, with Krishnan serving, Rostagno was within two points of victory at love-30 and held three match points, forcing five deuces, before Krishnan managed to level at 5-5. Each player dropped service once more to take the score to 8-8 before Rostagno gained the advantage, breaking his opponent to love.

Mecir, ranked ninth in the world, easily handled the New Zealander, Bruce Derlin, losing only four games to confirm his position as the tournament favourite.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Mecir (Cz) bt B Derlin (NZ) 6-2, 6-2; D Rostagno (US) bt R Krishnan (India) 6-3, 6-7, 10-8; C Limberger (Aus) bt M Freeman (US) 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; M Schapers (Neth) bt B Schultz (US) 7-6, 2-6, 6-4.

JUDO

British men prepare for world championships

By Nicolas Soames

The international judo competition calendar opens this weekend with two events for men — one in Paris and one in Tokyo — and Britain is sending teams to both to prepare for what promises to be an exhausting competitive year.

The highlights will be the European championships in Paris in May and the world championships in Essen in November, which appears to allow plenty of time for preparation, but the British men's team will need every moment of it.

It is no secret that the men's national squad are at their lowest ebb for many years. The departure of Neil Adams to teach in France, the feeling of being in the heavy shadow cast by the amazingly successful women's team, the changes in the coaches since the last Olympics and the uncertainty over half of the top places all contribute to unease and low morale.

So the importance of the Paris Multi-Nations competition and Tokyo's Shoriki Cup this weekend lies not so much in the number of medals won, but to what extent they will help to answer certain domestic problems. A question mark, for example, hangs over the top spot in the middleweight category. Ray Stevens, of London, beat Densign White, of Wolverhampton, in their last meeting at the Commonwealth Games, but the issue has yet to be settled decisively.

White fights in Tokyo, but Stevens fights in Paris, which, containing as it does the world and Olympic champion, Peter Seisenbacher of Austria, could prove the harder of the two competitions. Stevens, aged 23, the younger of the two Britons, needs a good result to underline his claim to a European championships place.

Will the international experience of Olympic bronze medal winner, Neil Eckersley, who fights in Japan prove too much for his rival (and training partner), Carl Finney, who nevertheless beat him in the Commonwealth Games? Or will Finney produce something sparkling in Paris against the likes of Patric Roux, the former European champion?

Britain's European silver medal winner, Kerrith Brown, has no real domestic rival, and is using Japan to test the hamstring he injured last month in the European Team Club Cup. But once again the fitness and tactical sense of Brown's Wolverhampton team-mates, the light heavyweight, Dennis Stewart and the heavyweight, Elvis Gordon, will be under the spotlight in Paris.

"Most of my final decisions will not take place until after the British Trials on January 24 at Crystal Palace," the team manager, Arthur Mapp, said. "But this weekend gives me a chance to assess the relative condition of the boys."

TEAM (for Paris): Bantamweight (under 60kg): C Finney. Featherweight (under 65kg): M Adshead. Lightweight (under 71kg): C Savage. Middleweight (under 86kg): R Stevens. Light-heavyweight (under 95kg): D Stewart. Heavyweight (under 95kg): E Gordon.

TEAM (Japan): Bantamweight: N Eckersley. Featherweight: S Glewthorpe. Lightweight: K Brown. Light Middleweight (under 78kg): P Sheals. Middleweight: D White.

Muzio's move

Bob Muzio, one of Britain's outstanding amateur track cyclists, has turned professional. Muzio, aged 21, the national pursuit champion from Leicester, intends to spend more time in road racing.

Early problem

Javier Gomez-Navarro, an industrialist, was appointed Spain's new sports minister yesterday with his first problem being to resolve an early dispute in the build-up to the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Chinese to consider bid in 2000

Peking (AP) — China are interested in hosting the 27th Olympic Games in the year 2000 and the 17th World Cup football tournament in 2002, the official Xinhua News Agency said yesterday.

The report said China is "showing active inclination" for hosting the two events and the Chinese Olympic Committee and Chinese Football Association are studying the possibilities of doing so.

The report added that many members of the International Olympic Committee, including Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president, have expressed hope that China would host one of the Olympic Games after 1992. But the agency said the general feeling is that the 1996 games should be held in Athens to celebrate the centennial of the modern international Olympic movement.

Xinhua said that Joao Havelange, president of the International Football Association (FIFA), has proposed several times that the World Cup in 2002 should be held in China.

● LAUSANNE — Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, has entered its bid to host the 1994 Winter Games, the International Olympic Committee announced yesterday. Other entries so far include Anchorage, Alaska, and a joint candidacy by the Swedish cities of Are and Östersund. Claire Barrau, an IOC spokeswoman said.

The West German Olympic Committee also plan a bid but have not decided on a venue, she said. The choice is likely to be between two Bavarian towns, Berchtesgaden and Garmisch-Partenkirchen, she said. The IOC will award the event at a meeting in Seoul during the 1988 Summer Games there.

The 1994 Winter Games will be the first under the IOC's new schedule, adopted at its session last October.

BOBSLEIGHING

Debut for Irish makes competition history

From Chris Moore, St Moritz

Given the luck of the Irish, Larry Tracey will create a bit of bobsleighing history at the world championships at St Moritz this weekend. For Ireland, in the form of Tracey and three international rowers, are competing here in a major championship for the first time.

Tracey, in fact, has been solely responsible for forming the Irish Bobsleigh Association, who from next season will have the official recognition of the Federation of International Bobsleighing and Tobogganing.

The Buckinghamshire businessman, aged 39, born of Irish parents and said to be a millionaire, is the second oldest driver in today's two-man championship. Last season he sponsored the British bobber, Peter Brugnani, buying his sledge for him and financing his first full season as a driver. Brugnani will be competing for the third place in the British team for the European championships later this month, but in the meantime has been appointed as Ireland's first team manager.

Making up the quartet are Jim Cassidy, a traffic officer in the Garda, Pat McDonagh, an art teacher in Dublin, and Gerry Macken, who runs the municipal rowing club in Dublin. All three are members of the Irish Olympic rowing team and were in the Neptune RC eight who beat Harvard in the final of the Ladies Challenge Plate at Henley last July, which was where they met Tracey for the first time. "He was looking to get together a team, with a view to competing in the world championships and offered us the chance of going in with him," said Cassidy.

They attended the FIBT bobschool in Igls in November, finishing first and third, and the following month took part in the British championships on the same track, where Tracey was leading the handicap competition — which he is said to have heavily backed himself to win — until he crashed on the final run.

After overturning again in practice here this week, during which he has been sitting in at the start, he missed his first run on the final day of training because his glasses steamed up inside his helmet as he was about to be pushed off the top.

Nick Phipps of Britain was fifth fastest in the new Allied Steel sledge on the final day of practice and providing his brakeman, Alan Cearns, has recovered from a knee injury, should secure his first top 10 finish in a world two-man event.

SWIMMING

Dennison top again

By Roy Moor

Terry Dennison, chief coach of the Leeds club, has been chosen as Britain's coach of the year by his fellow members of the British Coaches Association.

Dennison, who has been responsible for Adrian Moorhouse and Tony Day becoming outstanding international competitors, receives the honour for a fourth time.

The award is made by Speedo, the swimwear manufacturers, and entitles Dennison to a bursary of £750 to "go anywhere in the world in the pursuit of swimming knowledge."

Dennison said he would like to use the money studying the East Germans in training.

SKIING

Swiss hold Kandahar race aces

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, (Reuter) — A jubilant Swiss men's team, who have taken most of the honours this season, enter tomorrow's classic downhill confident of ending a barren run here.

No Swiss has won the annual Kandahar race since the great Roland Collombin in 1974, but they have a clutch of leading contenders tomorrow.

Four of the five downhills so far this season have been won by Swiss competitors, with world champion Pirmin Zurbriggen taking two and Peter Mueller and Franz Heinzer one each.

But they will have to watch out for their compatriot, Karl Alpiger, who had the fastest time in both of yesterday's practices.

"We Swiss love this downhill even if we haven't won it for such a long time," Heinzer said. "There are technical turns, gliding parts and fast stretches so it's the complete downhill." The Swiss downhillers have extra motivation as they compete for the four spots available alongside title-holder Zurbriggen in their team for the world championships starting in Crans Montana on January 25.

The luckless Austrians, on the other hand, hope to end a dismal spell

● MELLAU: The Swiss women who have won ten of the 14 women's Alpine world cup races this season, dominated the two opening practices for today's downhill at this Austrian resort.

PRACTICE: First session: 1, M Figini (Switz), 2min 12.11sec; 2, K Gutensohn (Austria), 2:12.58; 3, V Wallinger (Austria), 2:12.78; 4, A Wachter (Austria), 2:12.94; 5, C Zangeri (Austria), 2:13.07; 6, E Hess (Switz), 2:13.11; 7, M Walliser (Switz), 2:13.90; 8, B Oertli (Switz), 2:14.01; 9, C Quittet (Fr), 2:14.08; 10 C Bournissen (Switz), 2:14.09. Second session: 1, Hess, 2:11.07; 2, Walliser, 2:11.12; 3, Figini, 2:11.68; 4, S Eder (Austria), 2:11.74; 5, Gutensohn, 2:11.83; 6, Wachter, 2:11.93; 7, Oertli, 2:12.20; 8, Quittet, 2:12.34; 9, H Zurbriggen (Switz), 2:12.40; 10, S Winkler (Austria), 2:12.47.

BADMINTON

Troke aims for the top

Helen Troke will launch her campaign to finish top of the world Grand Prix list for the second successive year when she competes in the Far East next week.

Miss Troke, the national, Commonwealth and European champion, leaves with the rest of the England squad this weekend for Grand Prix first category events in Chinese Taipei from January 14 to 18 and Osaka, Japan from January 21 to 25. Miss Troke was runner-up in the Taipei last year and reached the quarter-finals in Japan.

SQUAD: Women: H Troke, G Gowers, F Elliott, S Halsall and G Clark. Men: S Baddeley, N Yates, D Hall, G Milton and A Goode.

RACING

Stearsby to use Sandown as a springboard for Gold Cup

By Mandarin

Stearsby, re-united with Graham McCourt following the jockey's 28-day riding ban, can follow up his emphatic victory in the Welsh National last month by winning the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase at Sandown Park today.

His stable companion Burrough Hill Lad successfully followed the same route three years ago, winning at Chepstow and then taking this race on his way to beating Brown Chamberlin in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Whether or not Stearsby is up to Gold Cup standard yet, and his position near the head of the ante-post betting indicates there are those who believe he is, it will be disappointing if he is beaten today.

Although the field for the Welsh National was ordinary there was no denying Stearsby's authority, particularly when one remembers he is little more than a novice. He could confidently have been called the winner from a mile out and he drew clear up the straight to beat Macoliver by seven lengths with Jimbrook, a winner at Wetherby this week, third.

On Chepstow running, Stearsby holds the sixth-placed Lucky Vane, who, coincidentally, was second to Burrough Hill Lad here in 1984, and Catch Phrase, who was farther behind.

West Tip, the winner of last season's Grand National, will be suited by the trip, as indeed will Stearsby, but he was disappointing when fourth at Cheltenham on New Year's Eve. He is reported to need plenty of work and seems to be taking a long time to reach peak fitness.

Rhyme 'N' Reason, a past Irish National winner, was well beaten on his only start this season and a greater threat could be the lightly-weighted Sacred Path, who beat Broadheath a shade comfortably at Newton Abbot on Boxing Day.

There are several interesting prospects on view in the Charles E Merrill Novices' Chase. Aherlow has won his two chasing starts, although his task was eased at Kempton Park on Boxing Day by the falls of his main rivals, one of today's opponents, Cavvies Clown, among them.

Aherlow himself made mistakes in that race and I am by no means certain that he would have won had the others, notably Playschool, kept their feet. With that in mind, I oppose him here with the improving Tawridge, who put up a good performance to give Summons 8lb and a three-length beating that same day at Kempton.

However, for the day's best bet I turn to French Union (nap) in the Merrill Lynch Europe Handicap Chase. He won his first two races this season and has run creditably in defeat in his last two, particularly when beaten only a head by Annette's Delight at Newbury earlier this month.

The only blot on his record is a fall in the Ascot race won by Far Bridge in November. Far Bridge was in good form early in the season but has run poorly recently and looks to have a stiff task under top weight.

Charcoal Wally is best on fast ground while Lochrun, though consistent, is prone to finding one too good for him. Therefore, the danger may be six-times Sandown winner Kilbrittain Castle, who is not penalized for his win from Lochrun at Wincanton on Boxing Day.

Abu Kadra, can successfully negotiate the return to two miles in the Roux Restaurants Tolworth Hurdle. He won handicaps at Nottingham and Doncaster (2½ miles) before possibly failing to stay 2¾ miles when second to Bonanza Boy, a winner since, at Wincanton on Boxing Day.

Robin Goodfellow should be held by Abu Kadra on a form line through Bonanza Boy and a bigger danger could be the northern raider Mister Point, an easy winner of his two races.

Prairie Oyster, second to impressive newcomer Caesar Imperator at Newbury last week, can take advantage of the 8lb he receives from Mareth Line in the Thundering Herd Novices' Hurdle, while Elfferandem is weighted to add the Financial Consultants Novices' Handicap Hurdle to his decisive Newbury victory, for which he escapes a penalty.

High hopes for Sandown

There are high hopes that Sandown Park will race today, *provided there was no severe overnight frost*. Mark Kershaw, the clerk of the course, reported that the forecast was for a slight frost and he was hopeful the meeting would take place.

Today's other two scheduled meetings, Haydock Park and Warwick, were both called off yesterday because of the frosty conditions, but Ireland's big meeting at Leopardstown is reported to be in the clear and prospects for the first running of the £50,000 added Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle are good.

At Wolverhampton on Monday the ground is forecast as good, but there is still frost in parts of the course and an inspection is likely tomorrow. Chepstow report the ground as soft.



Yabis, one of four English runners in The Ladbroke, the richest handicap hurdle in the British Isles, at Leopardstown today

Overwhelming case for keeping quality older horses in training

The wisdom, or otherwise, of keeping the best horses in training as four-year-olds has exercised the minds of followers of racing over the years. In the distant past it seems that less reputable owners raced four-year-olds with the object of winning The Derby, as was revealed when the winner in 1844, Running Rein, turned out to be the four-year-old Maccabaeus.

There are suspicions that more than one other early Derby winner was above three years of age. Doubts were voiced

Commercialism governs owners' decisions today

as to the correct age of Little Wonder, who won in 1840 and whose trainer, W Forth, gave jockey W Macdonald the significant orders "now mind and catch tight hold of his head and come truly through with him, for he is an early foal."

Thus when Matthew Dawson was asked if he thought it possible that the French winner of the triple crown, Gladiateur, 'the Avenger of Waterloo', could be a four-year-old, he replied "at least!"

The case for racing outstanding horses as four-year-olds is overwhelming. *It raises the quality of the sport,* enables the merit of different generations to be assessed and prospective stallions evaluated for soundness, temperament, courage and ability more accurately than if they retire as three-year-olds. In the natural state the horse does not mature until he is about six, thus backward horses given time to develop their full potential may substantially improve on form shown earlier.

During the last century the philosophy of owners was to race their horses for at least three seasons, to test them fully and for the pleasure of seeing them in competition. It was not uncommon to find classic winners running as four-year-olds, or more, not only in the chief weight-for-age races but in important handicaps. Bend Or, winner of The Derby in 1880, won the City and Suburban Handicap as a four-year-old carrying 9 stone.

Nowadays commercialism tends to prevail. It is more profitable to retire a good three-year-old at the end of the season than race him at four, thus sacrificing a season at stud and risking loss of value through failure to train on or exposure of his true merit.

In the light of the outstanding success of such sires as St Simon, Hermit, Nearco, Nasrullah, Blandford and Northern Dancer, none of which raced at four, it is difficult to argue against this practice from a veterinary aspect. Provided a horse is sexually developed and is not given too many mares in his first season, putting him to stud at four appears to do him no harm.

On the other hand the list of great sires who raced at four, or older, is formidable. It includes Stockwell, 'the Emperor of Stallions', who was champion seven times; Hyperion, six times leading sire; Polymelus, five times leading sire; Persimmon and Fairway, who each headed the sires' list four times; as well as Cyllene, Bayardo, Pharos and others.

The greatest blow from the early retirement of top horses is to racing itself. The meeting between the best horses of different generations at weight-for-age, and between the leading three-year-olds of the previous season, is the acme of the sport. This was never more evident than in the historic race for the Eclipse Stakes of 1903, when the four-year-old Ard Patrick, who won the Derby, just beat his contemporary, Sceptre, winner of every other classic, with the three-year-old Rock Sand, the Derby winner, close up third.

When it became known that the Derby winner, Mill Reef, and Brigadier Gerard, who had beaten him for the 2,000 Guineas, were to remain in training with the aim of opposing each other in the Eclipse Stakes the following year, the racing world looked forward to the event with an excitement unparalleled in modern Turf history.

To the bitter disappointment of all, not least the owners of the chief participants, Mill Reef was unable to meet the engagement. In fact, even if Mill Reef had remained fit it would not have been in the Eclipse that he would have met Brigadier Gerard, because of the heavy going on the day, but in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes.

This would have provided an even more fascinating contest, since the supporting cast included five classic winners, among them Riverman, the best horse in France, and the unbeaten Italian colt Gay Lussac. Sadly, it was not to be.

Any strictures designed to prevent horses being retired prematurely would need international acceptance to be effective. If there was universal agreement that no horse could begin his stud career until he was five owners might be tempted to race the sound ones as four-year-olds. This would have the added benefit of encouraging breeders to pay more attention to soundness.

However, *it is the decision of owners* which ultimately governs racing policy, and until a more competitive and less

Different generations will meet only rarely

commercial attitude pertains battles between the best horses of different generations and between top four-year-olds will continue to be a rarity.

There was hope that the appearance on the English turf of the Arabs, with their great wealth, would mark a revival of the competitive spirit at the highest level, but the premature retirement of such as Shareef Dancer, Touching Wood, Dancing Brave and Green Desert suggests that they, too, are following the commercial path.

Perhaps they may be persuaded to emulate Jim Joel, Paul Mellon, Lord Howard de Walden, Arthur Budgett and Eric Moller, all of whom have kept Derby winners in training at four, in the interest of the sport and to the benefit of breeders.

John Hislop

Barnbrook Again on right mark to reap rich harvest

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Leopardstown has the distinction today of staging The Ladbroke, the most valuable handicap hurdle ever run in England or Ireland, but unfortunately honour and glory do not pay the bills.

I have a strong feeling that the English sponsor's money will be brought back across the Irish Sea by the David Elsworth-trained Barnbrook Again, one of several competitors who have put up excellent performances since the weights were framed more than a month ago.

Barnbrook Again took on Nohalmdun in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle over two miles at Ascot and although trying to give 4lb to the winner finished an admirable second, beaten only 2½ lengths.

He might have been closer to the winner but for a mistake at the sixth flight while earlier this season he survived two mistakes to run away with the Gerry Feilden Hurdle at Newbury, coasting home a massive 30 lengths clear of his nearest rival, Beat The Retreat.

Elsworth's six-year-old has been raised 30lb in the English hurdle ratings since the start of the current season, eloquent testimony to the impression he has created on the handicapper.

Barnbrook Again is just one of four English-trained runners for the Ladbroke and a good case can be made for the other trio, Cats Eyes, Chrysaor and Yabis, even though they are not anywhere nearly as well treated by today's weights.

Cats Eyes finished second in the equivalent race a year ago, the Sweeps Hurdle, beaten six lengths by Bonalma. Last season's winner now has top weight and will be meeting Cat's Eyes on 10lb worse terms.

While Bonalma has flopped in his most recent efforts Cat's Eyes responded well to the hand driving of Paul Leach to beat Riva Rose in the Spa Hurdle at Cheltenham on New Year's Eve.

Chrysaor led over the final flight when third to Aonoch at Sandown and may again finish ahead of Yabis who was fourth.

Derrymore Boy, like Barnbrook Again, ran easily his best race on his most recent appearance when he held on by a neck from the favourite, Corporal Clinger, in the Sean Graham Memorial Hurdle over this course and distance at the Christmas meeting.

Then he was meeting Corporal Clinger on 23lb worse than handicap terms. However, I have a suspicion that there may be a flaw in this form as Derrymore Boy was not the only four-year-old to improve nearly two stone on the best of his previous attempts. A similar improvement was evinced by Stepaside Lord who finished fourth, little more than three lengths behind the winner.

Indeed, on that running Stepaside Lord should have the better of things this afternoon as the 6lb penalty incurred by the winner ensures that he will have a pull of a stone.

I always feel a little apprehensive at a race where there is multiple improvement and there was an added reason for passing over these well-backed local hopes when Deep Idol, beaten a neck and 1½ lengths into third place in that event, trailed in a 15-length loser to Candy Su in the W T O'Grady Memorial Hurdle at Thurles on Tuesday.

A bigger danger to Barnbrook Again from the Irish contingent could be Son Of Ivor, third in the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham last March, who has been the medium of some heavy ante-post betting from 16-1 down to 8-1 in both London and Dublin.

I would look no further than William Crump, third to the useful Barrow Line over course and distance on Boxing Day, to get the meeting off to a successful start in the Fitzpatricks Shannon Novices' Chase.

L'Ane Rouge, trained by Homer Scott, can record his third consecutive success in the Fitzpatricks Castle Hurdle, while Shanbally Boy, a recent winner at Limerick, is fancied for the Mercury Engineering Handicap Hurdle.

The Scott-trained Omerta will have his admirers in the Lee & Co Shop Local Handicap Chase but he may not be able to concede the weight to Over The Last.

Scotland's Earls Brig back in the hunt

Top Scottish gelding Earls Brig, winner of 12 races over fences, conqueror of Wayward Lad and Forgive'N Forget at Haydock 13 months ago and twice master of Burrough Hill Lad, is set for a return to hunter chasing next month.

Bred, owned and trained by Billy Hamilton, Earls Brig has proved the most consistent horse to emerge from the Border country in the last decade.

The 12-year-old New Brig gelding has only once failed to pick up prize money in 22 completed outings from 28 starts since graduating from the point-to-point field and making a winning debut in an Ayr hunter chase five years ago.

Earls Brig has not been seen in public since finishing fifth behind Hardy Lad in the Scottish National last April, and when he reappears, it will be with a brand new rider and only the fifth different partner during the horse's long and honourable career.

Besides Phil Tuck, who was Earls Brig's regular jockey for the past two seasons, only Geordie Dun, and amateurs Peter Craggs and Jimmy Walton have ridden the gelding on the racecourse.

That responsibility now passes to Hamilton's 21-year-old son, Michael, who has ridden a point-to-point winner but has yet to team up with Earls Brig in public.

The trainer, who operates from Hawick, said: "Earls Brig is in great form. He has enjoyed hunting and jumped everything he has been put to with his usual enthusiasm. We have pencilled in Wetherby on February 7 for his return to hunter chasing".

Earls Brig has netted £58,155 win and place money during his five-year career under Rules and his major victories have come in Haydock's Tommy Whittle Chase and Greenall Whitley Breweries Handicap, and the Mercedes Benz Chase at Ayr, but he forfeited one of his successes (at Wetherby two years ago) because of a positive dope test showing traces of contaminated food stuffs.

Probably his finest performance was finishing third to Forgive'N Forget in the 1985 Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup, the same position he filled nine months later in the King George VI Chase at Kempton.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Prairie Oyster.
1.30 Tawridge.
2.00 Stearsby.
2.35 Abu Kadra.
3.05 FRENCH UNION (nap).
3.35 Elfferandem.

By Michael Seely

2.00 Stearsby. 3.05 Kilbrittain Castle. 3.35 ELLFERANDEM (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.35 ELLFERANDEM.

Going: good to soft

1.0 THUNDERING HERD NOVICE HURDLE (£2,962: 4-Y-O: 2m) (17 runners) C 4

101	211	MARETH LINE (D) (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 11-8	P Scudamore	97	F7-2
103	2221P0	BRENT RIVERSIDE (D) (S Mason) G Balding 11-6	A Charlton (7)	87	14-1
105	10	DEVIL'S RUN (D) (Mrs T Bulgin) T Bulgin 11-4	—	85	16-1
106	001	FOREMAST (J Urock) O Tucker 11-4	S McNeill	84	6-1
107	1	GREY SALUTE (D) (T Hayward) J Jenkins 11-4	G Bradley	89	6-1
108	0P0	BARBERSHOP QUARTET (Mrs D Pappin) P Mitchell 11-0	R Dunwoody	—	20-1
109	U0040	CRANMORE (Mrs C Perkins) W Kemp 11-0	S Shilston	71	20-1
112	0	FLYING BENNY (A Nolan) A Moore 11-0	G Moore	90	14-1
113	0BP	GANOON (Mrs R Morris) J Jenkins 11-0	H Davies	—	25-1
114		HAMPER (H Joel) J Gifford 11-0	R Rowe	—	12-1
115	48	ITTIHAAD (M Burr) R Akehurst 11-0	Dale McKeown (4)	91	10-1
118		O'NEL CASTLE (W Harrison-Allan) Mrs N Smith 11-0	C Mann	—	16-1
119	4	PLAID (BF) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 11-0	R Beggan	—	8-1
120	22	PRAIRIE OYSTER (BF) (M Dorey) O Sherwood 11-0	C Cox	98	4-1
122	0	REGAL CASTLE (D Bulmer) N Henderson 11-0	S Smith Eccles	—	10-1
123		TAMATOUR (T Ramsden) D Ringer 11-0	—	—	10-1
124		BRIDE (J Clark) P Butler 10-9	—	—	14-1

1986: EL GALILEO 11-0 J J O'Neill (11-2) J Jenkins 21 ran

FORM MARETH LINE (11-0), potentially a top class juvenile, easily beat King Jack (11-0) 7l at Lingfield when BARBERSHOP QUARTET slipped up (2m, £6427, soft, Dec 6, 18 ran). BRENT RIVERSIDE (11-7) is consistent and ran well to be 8l 5th to Pragada (10-9) at Fontwell, with CRANMORE (10-9) 10l away 6th and ITTIHAAD (10-9) brought down at the first (2m 2f, £750, good to soft, Dec 29, 15 ran); previously ITTIHAAD (10-10) finished a fair 12½l 4th to Celtic Chief (11-3) at Warwick (2m, £685, good to soft, Dec 12, 18 ran). FOREMAST showed best form when (10-9) beating Sheer Nectar (10-6) 12l at Taunton (2m 1f, £488, soft, Dec 30, 13 ran). GREY SALUTE is expected to improve and made an impressive debut when (10-10) beating King Retain (10-10) 3l at Warwick, the pair 20l clear of the 3rd (2m, £585, good to soft, Dec 12, 13 ran). PRAIRIE OYSTER met a real good performer when (11-0) beaten 1 1/2l by Caesar Imperator (11-0) at Newbury with FLYING BENNY (11-0) 12½l back in 5th, DEVILS RUN (11-5) a one paced 7th and GANOON (11-0) tailed off when pulled up (2m, £1621, soft, Jan 2, 19 ran).
Selection: MARETH LINE

1.30 CHARLES E MERRILL NOVICE CHASE (£3,934: 2m 4f 68yd) (7 runners) C 4

201	0142-11	AHERLOW (P Fahey) S Christian 7-11-6	R Beggan	98	F7-4
202	3-3221U	CAVVIES CLOWN (Mrs J Oliwant) D Elsworth 7-11-6	R Arnot	84	5-1
203	UPP0-11	OLYMPIC PRIZE (H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-6	Peter Hobbs	76	8-1
204	4/U-F111	TAWRIDGE (L A H Ames Ltd) A Turnell 7-11-6	Steve Knight	99	5-2
208	0440-23	BAJAN SUNSHINE (P Green) F Winter 8-10-12	NON—RUNNER	—	—
209	0/020-02	DALSURY (BF) (R Smale) A Moore 8-10-12	G Moore	82	12-1
210	0-U401F	STICK OF ROCK (E Parker) D Barons 7-10-12	P Nicholls	71	12-1

1988: THE CATCHPOOL 7-10-10 V McKevitt (15-8 fav) N Gaselee 10 ran

FORM AHERLOW (11-0) beat Master Bob (11-4) 25l over 3m at Kempton on Boxing Day (£3849, soft, 6 ran) with front-running CAVVIES CLOWN (11-2) still going well when falling 5 from home. Previously, AHERLOW (11-2) was 2½l too good for CAVVIES CLOWN (11-2) over 2m 5f at Wincanton (£1565, good to soft, Nov 27, 20 ran). OLYMPIC PRIZE (11-6) beat Harry's Double (11-2) 6l at Cheltenham on latest start (2m, £4434, good to firm, Nov 8, 5 ran). TAWRIDGE (11-12) fine effort to beat Summons (11-4) 3l, with STICK OF ROCK (11-4) chasing the leading group when falling about a mile out at Kempton (2m 4f, £3330, soft, Dec 26, 6 ran). CAVVIES CLOWN (10-12) beat Midnight Court (11-6) 3l, at Ascot (2m, £8014, good, Dec 13, 5 ran).
Selection: TAWRIDGE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
N Gaselee	8	23	34.8
Mrs J Pitman	6	29	20.7
F Walwyn	17	83	20.5
G Balding	8	47	17.0
F Winter	18	109	16.5
S Mellor	6	37	16.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
E Murphy	6	22	27.3
S Smith Eccles	18	75	24.0
R Rowe	20	104	19.2
R Dunwoody	9	50	18.0
H Davies	14	80	17.5
P Scudamore	17	105	16.2

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-stopped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

2.0 ANTHONY MILDMAY, PETER CAZALET MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£10,870: 3m 5f 18yd) (7 runners) C 4

301	011-644	WEST TIP (CD) (P Luff) M Oliver 10-11-7	R Dunwoody	92	8-1
302	311-201	STEARSBY (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-5	G McCourt	99	F5-4
303	1/0P02-0	RHYME 'N' REASON (Miss J Reed) D Murray-Smith 8-10-6	P Scudamore	93	14-1
304	340103	LUCKY VANE (CD) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 12-10-2	J Frost	98	6-1
305	2211-31	SACRED PATH (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 7-10-0	C Cox	94	4-1
306	24U-2P0	CATCH PHRASE (K Carr) J Gifford 9-10-0	R Rowe	90	8-2
307	11020-U	YOU'RE WELCOME (C) (S Embiricos) J Gifford 11-10-0	E Murphy	87	10-1

1988: RUN AND SKIP 8-11-1 P Scudamore (7-2) J Spearing 8 ran

FORM LUCKY VANE (10-9) finished 16l 3rd to Knock Hill (10-0) at Cheltenham last time (4m, £4612, soft, Dec 31, 11 ran) with WEST TIP (10-0), was 7l further back in 4th. STEARSBY (11-5) proved himself a realistic Gold Cup contender when an easy 8l winner from Macoliver (10-0) in the Welsh National at Chepstow (3m 6l, £21137, soft, Dec 20, 17 ran) with LUCKY VANE (10-11) 19½l back in 6th and CATCH PHRASE (10-7) a further 15l away in 7th. RHYME 'N' REASON, 5th to Run And Skip in this race last year, ran a creditable (11-12) 6l 2nd to Misty Spirit (11-5) at Cheltenham subsequently (3m 1f, £7056, good to soft, Jan 25, 6 ran). SACRED PATH (10-10) continued his improvement with a 7l win over Broadheath (12-0) at Newton Abbot on Boxing Day (3m 2f 100y, £3028, heavy, 7 ran). YOU'RE WELCOME, who unseated rider on reappearance, ran a good race here last season (9-10) beating Castle Warden (10-10) a length (3m 118y, £3855, good, Mar 8, 8 ran).
Selection: STEARSBY

2.35 ROUX RESTAURANTS TOLWORTH HURDLE (Grade II: £5,282: 2m) (9 runners) C 4

401	4F0-112	ABU KADRA (D,BF) (T Painting) J Francome 6-11-11	—	99	5-1
402	3-1210	ROBIN GOODFELLOW (CD,BF) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 6-11-11	G McCourt	95	8-1
403	21	THE WEST AWAKE (D) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 6-11-11	C Cox	79	10-1
404		BAIES (Mrs B Samuel) F Winter 5-11-7	P Scudamore	—	20-1
405	011	HIGH PLAINS (D) (H Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-7	R Dunwoody	95	7-2
406	111	INTUITION (A Spence) R Akehurst 5-11-7	Dale McKeown	88	F5-2
408	11	MISTER POINT (D) (M Battle) C Tinkler 5-11-7	G McCourt	92	9-2
410	F/0040-0	WATER DRAGON (D Mills) D Mills 7-11-7	R Rowell	60	50-1
411		KINGSES (D Samuel) N Henderson 6-11-2	S Smith Eccles	—	20-1

1988: MIDNIGHT COUNT 6-11-7 R Rowe (9-4) J Gifford 7 ran

FORM ABU KADRA (10-5), the most experienced of these, was out-battled by the useful Bonanza Boy (10-5) when a ¾l 2nd at Wincanton last time (2m 6l, £3389, good to soft, Dec 26, 14 ran). ROBIN GOODFELLOW, probably didn't stay 2m 5f last time when (11-12) 24l 5th to Bonanza Boy (11-12) at Newbury; better judged (11-9) on a 3l defeat of Skygrange (11-8) here at Sandown (2m, £3043, good to soft, Nov 28, 12 ran). THE WEST AWAKE was most impressive when (11-0) beating the highly regarded Midnight Train (11-7) 2½l at Kempton (2m, £4083, soft, Dec 27, 15 ran). HIGH PLAINS, an easy winner of last 2 starts, is improving and last time (11-7) beat Rockmartin (11-0) 8l at Wetherby (2m, £2101, soft, Dec 26, 17 ran). INTUITION (11-6) is also on the upgrade and beat the useful Keynes (11-12) 10l at Cheltenham (2m, £2334, soft, Dec 31, 14 ran). MISTER POINT (11-4) steps up in class. Latest start (11-4) easily beat Treyarnon (10-12) 10 lengths at Ayr (2m, £585, heavy, Dec 18, 9 ran).
Selection: HIGH PLAINS

3.5 MERRILL LYNCH EUROPE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,323: 2m 18yd) (5 runners)

501	101F00	FAR BRIDGE (CD) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 11-11-10	G Bradley	95	5-1
502	12-402F	CHARCOAL WALLY (J Mursell) R Hodges 8-11-6	B Powell	95	7-2
503	0-11F22	FRENCH UNION (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 9-11-3	R Dunwoody	98	4-1
506	21-2312	LOCHRUN (BF) (Smith Mansfield Meat Co Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-9	P Scudamore	95	9-2
507	29030/1	KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (CD) (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 11-10-3	K Mooney	99	F7-4

1986: THE FOODBROKER 10-10-10 A Webb (7-2) P Haynes 6 ran

3.35 FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,638: 2m 5f 75yd) (17 runners)

601	42-6101	SAMPEN (F Ballard) M H Easterby 5-11-12 (7ex)	L Wyer	70	4-1
602	213424	LIGHT THE LOT (G Hackett) J Jenkins 8-11-10	M Perrett	75	8-1
604	12e302	DREAM MERCHANT (R Stanner) R O'Sullivan 5-11-4	M Kinane	76	12-1
605	00-2	BARAQORA (D Wright) D Oughton 5-11-0	P Double	78	10-1
607	FFP/9	BROKEN RAIL (T Egerton) N Gaselee 8-11-0	K Mooney	—	20-1
608	0B-4333	THE LODGE PRINCE (V) (Dualstar Hotels Ltd) K Stone 5-10-12	J D Davies (4)	79	8-1
611	400-P01	GALTERO (Mrs A Penney) A J Wilson 5-10-11 (7ex)	C Cox	77	10-1
612	000024	SMITHY BEAR (Mrs J John) R Dickin 5-10-9	W Humphreys (7)	67	8-1
613	334-3	DONAVAN'S CHOICE (BF) (M Fitzenberg) F Winter 5-10-6	P Scudamore	83	8-1
614	F230-00	THAT'S FOR SURE (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 6-10-7	R Dunwoody	79	12-1
617	1F0400	LADY FIREPOWER (R Nightingale) R Holder 6-10-5	W McFarland (7)	73	20-1
618	0/00120	HENRY LANCASTER (M Griffin) T Hallett 8-10-4	Samantha Dunster (7)	76	20-1
622	24-P044	COUNTRY CAP (R Townsend) R Townsend 6-10-3	Penny Flitch-Heyes (7)	76	25-1
623	40-0231	ELLFERANDEM (B) (Mrs E Merridew) S Mellor 7-10-3	G Landau (4)	99	F5-2
624	000	NARCISSUS (V Goodall) R Akehurst 5-10-2	Dale McKeown (4)	70	25-1
625	F-000F0	ABBEYBRANEY (Mrs E Ellis) P Cundell 8-10-0	P Dever	76	25-1
627	000F0-0	DEEKAYS (D Baldwin) G Blum 5-10-0	J Barlow	—	20-1

1988: ST ANDREW'S BAY 6-10-2 R Dunwoody (15-2) T Forster 21 ran

LEOPARDSTOWN

Going: good

12.55 FITZPATRICKS SHANNON NOVICE CHASE (£4,490: 2m) (10 runners)

1	04	BRIDESWELL DEW P Mullins 6-11-6	Mr W P Mullins
2	03	CORNER FORWARD T Kinane 9-11-9	T Kinane
3	140	KNOCKBACK D Harvey 7-11-9	T G McCourt
4		PARKETS D O'Donnell 6-11-9	P F O'Donnell
5	004	ROCHESTOWN STREAM D Day 8-11-9	P Gill
6	000	SEEAMDEM MISS S Finn 7-11-9	M M Lynch
7	022	TRAFALGAR BLUE P D McCreery 7-11-9	J Shortt
8	003	WILLIAM CRUMP D T Hughes 6-11-9	T Morgan
9	132	TIMAR GOLD A J Keane 7-11-6	M Moran
10	023	DUNDALK BELLS F Flood 5-11-0	C O'Dwyer

6-4 William Crump, 3-1 Brideswell, 5-1 Timar Gold, 8-1 Trafalgar Blue, 10-1 Dundalk Bells, 12-1 Knockback.

1.25 FITZPATRICKS CASTLE HURDLE (£5,330: 2m) (12)

1	311	L'ANE ROUGE J H Scott 6-11-8	J Shortt
2	101	TONYCHARLIE P Hughes 7-11-8	A Powell
3	033	CLOUGHTANEY P Mullins 6-11-4	A Mullins
4	001	HANSARD P Hughes 6-11-4	F Berry
5	023	JUNIOR CITIZEN C Collins 5-11-4	P Scudamore
6	022	TRUMPLEDOR P D McCreery 6-11-4	P McCormack
7	004	VAGUELY SMART S Murphy 7-11-4	K Morgan
8	330	WOLF OF BADENOCH J E Mulhern 6-11-4	T Carmody
9	000	YOUNG BALLADIER T Kinane 6-11-4	T Kinane
10	132	BLACK MONKEY D T Hughes 5-11-0	T Morgan
11	002	DOUBLE SHOT W Durkan 5-11-0	N Madden
12	119	SKOMAL P Martin 5-11-0	M Flynn

13-8 Hansard, 5-2 L'Ane Rouge, 6-1 Wolf Of Badenoch, 8-1 Cloughtaney, 10-1 Skomal, 14-1 Black Monkey, 20-1 others.

1.55 LEE & CO SHOP LOCAL HANDICAP CHASE (Grade I: £8,702: 2m 4f) (13)

1	212	OMERTA J H Scott 7-12-0	J Shortt
2	210	HENRY HUB J Mulhern 8-11-6	T Carmody
3	004	THE ELLIER A Moore 11-11-6	T J Taaffe
4	012	DARING RUN P D McCreery 12-10-9	T Morgan
5	P	THOMOND PRIDE John Crowley 11-10-9	R Bogan
6	412	OVER THE LAST T Carberry 7-10-7	N Madden
7	041	RANDOSS MISS A Collen 6-9-13	M M Lynch
8	002	TRACK SCOUT A Geraghty 10-9-13	K D Walsh (3)
9	601	KENWELL A J McNamara 9-9-12	K F O'Brien
10	003	SUPER RUNDOWN J J O'Neill 7-9-10	M M Treacy (7)
11	013	EDDIE WEE W Rock 11-9-6	A Powell
12	611	BRIAN'S BUCK M Cunningham 9-9-7	M Flynn
13	312	IT'S TOUGH M Cunningham 6-9-7	J P Byrne

5-2 Omerta, 7-2 Randoss, 5-1 Hungry Hur, 8-1 Daring Run, 8-1 The Ellier & Over The Last, 12-1 Brians Buck, 16-1 others.

2.25 MERCURY ENGINEERING HANDICAP HURDLE (£6,500: 3m) (13)

1	000	MACKS FRIENDLY J E Mulhern 10-12-0	T Carmody
2	301	SILVER MONARCH D T Hughes 6-11-13	T Morgan
3	121	SHANBALLY BOY M Hourigan 6-11-11	K F O'Brien
4	201	LOST THE BIT K C Hitchmough 8-11-10	T J Taaffe
5	032	WAR SAINT E McNamara 6-11-10	A Powell
6	013	DANIEL MARTIN J J O'Connor 8-11-8	Mr D H O'Connor
7	341	TIMBERING CAP A Moore 6-11-5	P Mahoney (7)
8	461	ISLAND BRIDGE H de Bromhead 5-11-4	J P Byrne
9	001	MASCARA VI R M Cocoady 7-11-2	F Berry
10	003	PARK LAD P Mullins 6-11-0	A Mullins
11	100	BATTLE OF WITS A Moore 6-10-13	Mr C James (7)
12	201	EQUALITY E Lynam 5-10-13	N Byrne (7)
13	4	BURNING QUESTION C P Magnier 5-10-10	M Bogan

3-1 Shanbally Boy, 9-2 Island Bridge, 5-1 Lost The Bit, 6-1 Daniel Martin, 8-1 Equality, Silver Monarch, 10-1 Mascara VI,

3.0 THE LADBROKE (Handicap Hurdle: Grade I: IR£32,700: 2m) (22) BBC 1

1	8-30	BONALMA A Moore 7 12 0	T J Taaffe
2	2-31	CATS EYES (B) M Pipe 7 11 9	P Leach
3	1212	BARNBROOK AGAIN D Elsworth 6 11 8	C Brown
4	4-03	CHRYSAOR S Christian 9 11 7	M Dwyer
5	4-21	THE ILLIAD H Scott 6 11 7	J Shortt
6	-431	YABIS J Edwards 6 11 2	A J O'Brien
7	0-31	DERRYMORE BOY P Mullins 5 11 1	A Mullins
8	00FO	MARC MILLAR E J Kearns 6 10 13	A J O'Brien
9	0-14	SON OF IVOR (B) D K Weld 5 10 12	T Carmody
10	1023	KIORA (B) E P Harty 8 10 11	N Madden
11	3-43	THE MUSICAL PRIEST Miss E Purcell 5 10 10	T Morgan
12	-001	CLOVER HILL LAD P Hughes 5 10 4	F Berry
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MOTOR RACING

Tyre supply agreement reached after days of tense negotiations

By John Blunsden

After three days of tense negotiations in London this week, Goodyear was able to announce yesterday that agreement had been reached for the supply of tyres to all Formula One teams for the 1987 season, which begins in Brazil in April.

After Pirelli's withdrawal at the end of last year, it had been expected that Goodyear would be the sole tyre supplier for Grand Prix racing this season but in November the company's whole racing involvement was put into jeopardy by the hostile take-over bid by Sir James Goldsmith, which Goodyear was only able to thwart after raising $4.2 billion of bank loans, initiating a major restructuring of the company, and preparing for the disposal of several subsidiary companies and divisions.

Goodyear's chief executive, Robert Mercer, made it clear at that time that the millions spent by Goodyear in supporting Formula One were no longer to be available, and he charged Leo Mehl, his director of racing, with the task of negotiating a package deal with all participating teams on a sound commercial basis. Otherwise, the company would merely honour the contracts they held with four teams — Ferrari, Lotus, McLaren and Williams — leaving the remaining 11 teams to make private arrangements as best they could.

"This was the situation when we sat down together on Tuesday," Mehl said, "and if you had asked me at 6 pm on Wednesday if we had a chance of an agreement, I would have said it was 1,000 to one against. But then we had a breakthrough and that night I had the signature of all 15 teams on the draft documents, and by midday Thursday the last contract had been signed."

Under the new agreement, Goodyear will designate and supply one specification "dry" tyre and one "wet" tyre for each of the 17 world championship races. Each team will receive the same number of tyres per car — probably 10 sets of dry and four sets of wet tyres — and only these tyres will be permitted to be used for the meeting.

Tyres will be marked differently for each circuit to prevent the use of leftover tyres from a previous event, and FISA have agreed to police a code of conduct to enforce this rule.

No qualification tyres will be manufactured and Goodyear expect that no more than four different compounds of dry tyres will be needed to cover the full season. All of these will be to a 1986 specification and there will be no Formula One tyre development programme for 1987, although Goodyear will supply a support service to teams who wish to go testing at their own expense.

Although the four contracted Goodyear teams are expected to continue to receive their tyres free of charge, all other teams will be charged a commercial rate, which is expected to be in the region of $300 per tyre — or about the cost of a very high performance road car tyre.

Transport, fitting, balancing and trackside engineering costs will be included in this charge, but teams will no longer be designated their exclusive tyre engineer at the circuits.

"It was a tense week," Mehl said yesterday, "but we all gave a little and the result is, I think, the best possible compromise solution for 1987. Beyond that, with normally aspirated engines beginning to dominate, I'm sure other tyre manufacturers will want to come into Formula One, so at least the burden will be shared."

Meanwhile, every team has undertaken to use Goodyear tyres exclusively in 1987. "I think it's the first time in the history of Formula One," one team principal said, "that we've ever agreed unanimously on anything in such a short space of time."

YACHTING

Kookaburra protest causes ripples of national discord

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

Kevin Parry and his Taskforce 10 syndicate were beginning to wonder last night just what they had started with their technical protest against Alan Bond's rival yacht Australia IV.

Yesterday the Taskforce switchboard was jammed with irate callers from across Australia and the local radio and television stations, including the Kookaburra sponsor, Channel 7, carried phone-in comments and letters saying that if Bond's boat is ruled out of the final trials, they will be backing the challengers.

Few members of the public understand the technical arguments surrounding the way that Australia IV's crew set their radical "gennaker" sail last Saturday. They see the Taskforce complaint merely as a cheap ploy to edge Bond out of the Cup — and are incensed.

Many have even threatened to boycott the network of Parry department stores indirectly finishing the two boat Kookaburra challenge, and judging by Channel 7's treatment of the controversy last night, even the Syndicate's sponsors are becoming anxious over the affair.

As the protest jury sat to ponder on whether to re-open the strong case against the Australia IV crew, the Taskforce hierarchy were balancing public mood against the $1m or more they will receive in performance payments from principle sponsors such as Foster's Lager for reaching the position of defender unchallenged.

Last night the jury met at a secret venue to consider the Taskforce 10 request to re-open their protest against the gennaker, but then adjourned — "For the purpose of seeking further information" they said.

The international jurors are now expected to reconvene some time over the weekend but any decision may be pre-empted by a meeting planned today between rival syndicate heads Kevin Parry and Alan Bond to resolve their differences privately.

Meanwhile, the Data General Prediction Panel, made up almost exclusively of Australian media personalities, who have proved consistently wrong in their appraisals to date, placed New Zealand's chances of winning the America's Cup ahead of Alan Bond's syndicate for the first time yesterday.

Rating the four remaining syndicates on a range of criteria from administration and motivation to on-the-water performance, the panel rated the New Zealanders with 89.7 points out of a possible 100 against 88 awarded to Kookaburra III, 87.9 to Australia IV and 86.2 to Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes.

"We believe Australia IV still has a problem with its hull, especially in lower wind ranges under 15 knots," Jock Sturrock, the panel chairman, said. "Dennis Conner has the same problem to a lesser degree and obviously the weather will be a major factor in the finals. If it is light weather — and local experts predict two or three days out of seven will be light — we would have to favour the Kiwis and Kookaburras," he added.

Board about-turn brings confusion

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

The International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) yesterday sent ripples through the world of Olympic windsurfing with their unexpected announcement that the Austrian-built Lechner sailboard has been chosen for use at Pusan, where the sailing events for the 1988 Olympic Games will be held, in preference to the Davidson board that has up to now been considered as the favourite.

During November's IYRU conference in London, the body's Boardsailing Committee unanimously recommended to the Executive Committee that the Swedish-designed Davidson board should be selected for the event, while at the same time noting that the Lechner board was also suitable.

In view of the fact that Davidson had complied with all of the terms previously set out by the IYRU, including the deposit of a bond of £100,000 ensuring the timely production of the boards, it was confidently expected that the choice of the Davidson would be ratified at that time.

This was, however, not the case. In recollection of the less-than-satisfactory situation before the 1984 Olympics, when the selection of the Windglider was plagued by problems of international patents, voices of caution within the Executive Committee called for a further examination of the ability of Davidson's Swedish company, Selva Segelsport, to fulfil the terms of the contract.

While the IYRU were not prepared to comment on the matter yesterday, it is understood that the problem area was that Selva Segelsport were not themselves the manufacturers, merely the licencees, and there were doubts that the sub-contractors to build the board could do so in the required quantity and uniformity.

This news was a particular setback for the British builder, Reg White, noted for his world-beating Olympic Tornado catamarans, who was to have been one of the licenced builders.

It will also dismay many Olympic sailboard hopefuls who have already purchased the Davidson board in anticipation of its selection. The Lechner board will be fitted with a mast and sail made in Germany by North Sails.

Help is on hand for Mitchell

By Barry Pickthall

The lone yachtsman, Harry Mitchell, the eighteenth and final competitor in the BOC round-the-world yacht race, was expected to cross the Sydney finishing line at the end of the second stage of this circumnavigation late last night.

The Portsmouth sailor, aged 61, racing the former Admiral's Cup yacht, Yeoman XX, now renamed Double Cross, was later due to cross the line between 4 and 6 am today and has barely one week to prepare for the restart of the third leg round Cape Horn to Rio de Janeiro.

Mitchell, who is recovering from several broken ribs, has been making slow progress off the south east coast of Australia but is promised plenty of help when he arrives in Sydney today.

Six of his fellow competitors, Bertie Reed from South Africa, John Hughes from Canada and three Americans, Hal Roth, Mike Plant and Mark Schrader, have all promised to do one job on board his boat to allow him time to recuperate after his long voyage from Cape Town.

Radical change on world's horizon

The international drinks and leisure company, Whitbread, who sponsor the Round the world yacht race, organized by the Royal Naval Sailing Association, yesterday announced the course for their 1989-90 event (Roger Lean-Vercoe writes).

Because of the requirement to avoid a politically sensitive stopover in Cape Town, the course for this next race will be radically different from previous races and will incorporate two extra ports of call.

After a start in the Solent on September 2, 1989, the first leg will take the fleet to Punta del Este in Uruguay, a port that was successfully used in last year's race as the starting point of the last leg.

The fleet will restart from there on October 28, headed for Fremantle in Western Australia before restarting on December 23 for Christmas at sea en route to the halfway mark in Auckland, New Zealand.

After a three week stopover, during which time masts must be unstepped for a safety examination, the fleet sets out on February 3 for what is generally accepted to be the most difficult of all the legs, around Cape Horn to a second call in Punta del Este.

From there the fleet sets out northwards across the equator on March 17 bound for Fort Lauderdale in Florida, the first time in its history that the race has taken in the United States. The final leg will be a downwind trans-Atlantic dash back to England where the first yacht will be expected on May 18, 1990.

BOWLS

Tough start for champion Allcock

The reigning world champion, Tony Allcock, heads one of the most select fields assembled for an indoor event when he competes in the £10,000 Samson Bowls Classic at Darlington, starting on January 26.

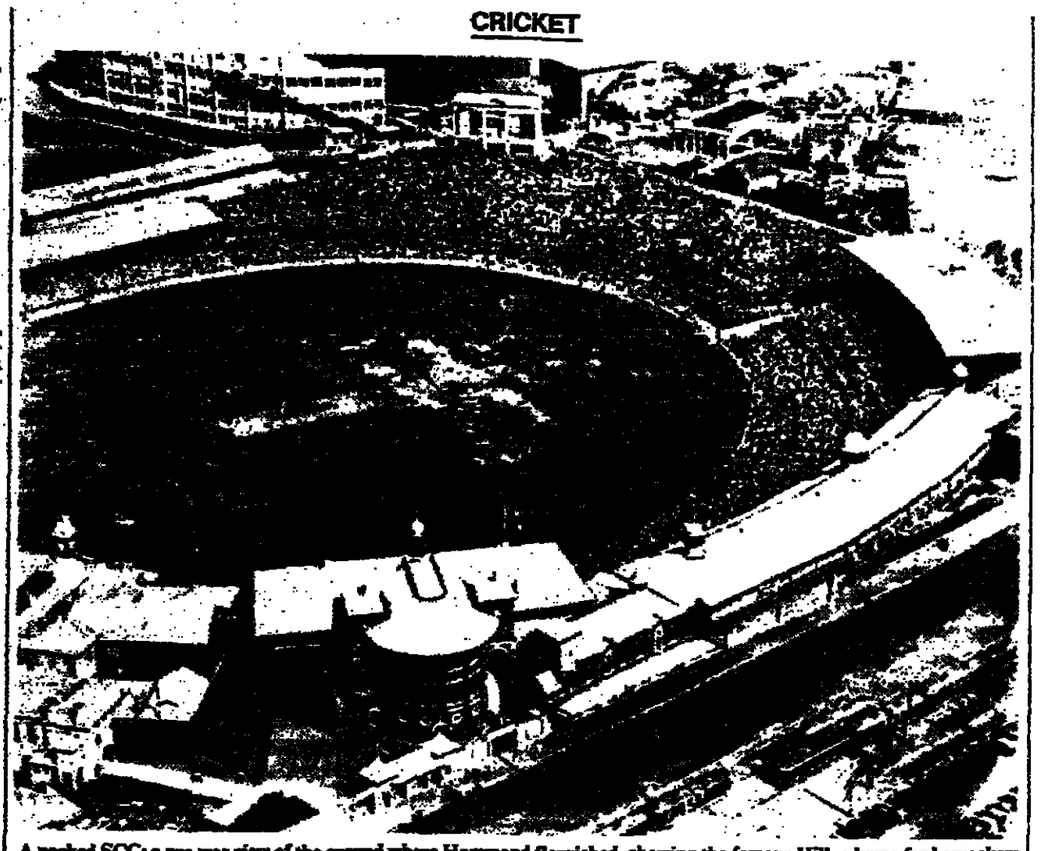
He leads the charge for the £3,500 first prize in the four-day contest but has a tough opening, taking on the Teesside housewife, Norma Shaw, the world outdoor champion in 1980.

Two previous world champions meet in the opening round with Glasgow's John Watson, the winner in 1982, taking on the 1984 champion Jim Baker, from Belfast.

The three-times winner David Bryant, winner of the event last year, meets the English title-holder Roy Cutts, of Ipswich.

FIRST ROUND DRAW: J Baker (Belfast) v J Watson (Glasgow); A Allcock (Cornwall) v N Shaw (Teesside); D Bryant (Clevedon) v R Cutts (Ipswich); N Bottrell (Manchester) v W Wood (Edinburgh).

CRICKET



A packed SCG: a pre-war view of the ground where Hammond flourished, showing the famous Hill, a home for barrackers

Barnett renews contract

Derbyshire supporters, disappointed by the failure to recruit new players for next season, received better news yesterday when Kim Barnett, the captain, signed a new five-year contract.

Derbyshire have failed in their attempts to sign the former England openers Geoff Boycott and Alan Butcher and Peter Such, the Nottinghamshire off-spinner, but Roger Pearman, the chief executive, said: "We regard this contract as a better signing than any of them.

"Kim has demonstrated his faith in the club and his belief in our ambitions for the future and we have backed our judgment of him as one of the best players and leaders in the game."

Derbyshire have also made an official contract offer to Neil Mallender, the fast bowler, who has rejected new terms with Northamptonshire.



Barnett: Showing faith

Historic SCG is England's happy hunting ground

By Simon Wilde

It is perhaps understandable that England, like Australia when they play at Lord's, generally manage to raise their game at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the most eminent of Australian venues. Their success there has been such that it is more than a hundred years since England last won a series in Australia without in the process winning at least one Test in Sydney.

England's record at the SCG, in 46 Tests since 1881-82, is better than on any other Australian ground. They have had more victories there, 20, than anywhere else and of their 22 defeats, five were in the first six matches. Sydney is also the only ground in Australia on which England's batsmen have fared better, in terms of centuries scored, than Australia's (30, as against 29).

Despite the presence now of six huge floodlight pylons and two new stands erected since England's last visit two years ago, Sydney nevertheless retains some of its dignity and charm. The past is constantly evoked by the Edwardian architecture of the pavilion and the ladies' enclosure, and by stands named after Noble and Bradman, two of New South Wales's most famous sons.

There is also, of course, the Hill, although even this has been greatly reduced by the new developments. This once large, grassy slope has long been a place of Bacchic revelry during Test matches, when the flow of beer has been equalled only by the readiness of the barracker's wit. It would have been on the Hill that the majority of the 864,000 cans of beer consumed during the Test match of 1974-75 were drunk.

Among England's triumphs, some have been more unlikely than others. They have won there after being dismissed for their lowest-ever Test score of 45; they have won there after being made to follow on 261 runs behind; and quite recently they won there after conceding a first-innings lead of 152 and then losing Boycott to the first ball of their second innings.

There have been other, more individual, glories: R E Foster's historic innings of 287 in his first Test, in 1903-04; Bob Barber reeling off 185 from the first 67 overs of the match, almost 20 years ago to the day; and Tyson bowling as fast as is humanly possible, it was said, in taking six for 85 and pulling off a thrilling win for England, in December 1954.

For Foster and Barber it was especially poignant, as they never reproduced such form again in Test cricket.

Although Melbourne has often had the honour, Sydney is the traditional venue for the final Test of a full England tour. Of course, the fifth Test has often come round with the series and the destiny of the Ashes already decided — as is the case this time — but whenever England have been the side in such an ascendancy they have never let up in the last match.

J W H T Douglas (1912), Jardine (1933) and Brearley (1979) each drove home their advantage with a parting win at Sydney, while Hutton (1955), despite the loss of the first three days to rain, almost pulled off an innings victory.

For many years now the SCG has maintained a reputation for providing spinners with the greatest encouragement they are likely to receive from a Test pitch in Australia. The last time England played there, the ball began to turn on the third day and their two victories on the ground in 1978-79 owed much to the 20 wickets Emburey and Miller picked up between them. Even when the pitch is not doing that much, the most innocent of blemishes on the surface has been enough to sow fatal seeds of doubt in the mind of many a batsman.

English good fortune, though, has not in recent years extended to the winning of the toss. During the 1979-80 series this virtually decided the result of the match, the pitch being left exposed to a violent thunderstorm because the ground staff had been given the day off to celebrate New Year. Greg Chappell, Australia's captain, was prepared to denounce the condition of the ground before the start but he won the toss and his side, subsequently, the match.

Finally, Hammond's scores in Tests at Sydney before the war cannot go unmentioned. They were 251, 112, 101, 75 not out and 231 not out. Hammond remains one of only two batsmen (Sutcliffe is the other) to have scored four centuries in a Test series between these two countries in Australia. This is a feat Broad will emulate if he adds a century in the forthcoming match to the ones he has already made in Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne.

Township scheme runs into colour bar

From Ivo Tennant, Cape Town

Dr Ali Bacher's plans for developing cricket in the townships are proving unacceptable to the South African Cricket Board, the controlling body for blacks and coloureds, who will not play under the auspices of the predominantly white-run South African Cricket Union. Dr Bacher is the managing director of the SACU.

Hassan Howa, aged 64, the former president of the SACB and the most prominent figure in their cricket, said yesterday that blacks and coloureds were prepared to sacrifice excelling at cricket in order to hasten political change in South Africa.

"Dr Bacher has been giving youths and children in Soweto free bats, balls and equipment because they have not learned the dignity to say no. SACB players here in Western Province have not accepted them. They feel hand-outs are an insult and will not take equipment in order merely to further themselves as cricketers," Howa said.

"Cricket has become irrelevant to what is going on in our country and I say that as one who has been immersed in it all his life. It may be possible to play together but at the end of the match players are going back to segregated areas and schools. Cricket here has reached an impasse since South Africa will not be admitted to the International Cricket Conference until apartheid is done away with," he added.

"So I do not mind all these unofficial touring sides coming here. The SACU have messed up their cricketing relations with Australia, England, Sri Lanka and West Indies and will not be forgiven easily. I told them what would happen."

Howa, who is president of Western Province Cricket Board, was criticized this week by the president of SACB, its parent body, for allowing Dr Bacher into an SACB ground. Krish Mackherdhuj said SACU individuals were not welcome and that Dr Bacher should have been turned away. Howa has denied he had a conversation with Dr Bacher about the latter's recent involvement in Soweto.

Howa said that because SACB members would not play with or use the facilities of SACU, their game was not making the progress he would like. "Yet from what I saw at Newlands last week, South Africa would be hard put to beat the best side we could raise."

As well as not accepting money from SACU, SACB also refuse to take money from businessmen through the South African Development Fund.

The SACB are largely self-financing. They are trying to raise enough funds to send another person to play league cricket in England this summer in addition to the four players who are definitely going.

BOXING

Challenger to Graham is named

Herol Graham, whose chances of fighting the world champion Marvin Hagler appear to have receded, now knows the identity of the next challenger for his European middleweight crown — Sumbu Kalambay, an African boxer who is based in Italy.

Private negotiations for the contest can go on until March 3. If no agreement has been reached by then the EBU will open it to purse offers.

The bout would be Graham's second defence of the title he won against the Ugandan Ayub Kalule last February. Graham is currently preparing for his next contest against the American Charlie Boston in Belfast.

● AGRIGENTO, Sicily: Patrizio Oliva will face one of the toughest tasks in his unbeaten career when he makes the second defence of his World WBA junior welterweight title against Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzales of Mexico today (AP reports).

Oliva, who won the title in March by outpointing Argentina's Ubaldo Sacco in Monte Carlo, is a cautious boxer. Gonzales, a determined puncher with a 37-2-4 professional record, has made clear he intends to exploit Oliva's lack of speed. "My winning card is aggressiveness. I can attack with both hands with a variety of punches, while the champion is at his best at running and hiding in the ring," he said.

Gonzales, the eldest of 12 sons, earned his nickname "Gato," or "The Cat," after surviving a car crash.

VOLLEYBALL

Cuba expose the Norwegian flaws

By a Special Correspondent

Cuba and East Germany, second and fourth respectively in the last world championships, eased into the final of the Pickfords Travel International women's tournament at the Alexandra Pavilion on Thursday night.

The Cubans underlined the vast gulf that western Europe has to make up on the rest of the world by beating Norway in straight sets 15-5, 15-2, 15-8.

The Norwegians finished second in the last western European championship and are at a critical stage in their preparations for this year's event in Switzerland in April. However, only when the Cubans slackened off briefly in the final set did they come close to showing their elevated status in Europe.

Josefina Capote Travieso, the Cuban captain, feels her nation is moving closer to the standards set by China, the world champions. "I think we are getting to the stage where we may be able to beat the Chinese," she said before the win over Norway and certainly the Cubans are many people's tips for the Olympic gold medal in Seoul next year.

The young East German squad, who have surprised everyone at the tournament with their fast attacks, quickly disposed of the Japanese students team 15-5, 15-8, 15-12 to take up the other final place.

Again it was in the final set that the 1983 European champions almost let their grip on the match slip as Japan came back from 2-6 to lead 7-6 and then 10-8. Siegfried Kohler, the East German coach, took the curious step of replacing Ute Oldenburg, his most effective outside hitter, after she made two uncharacteristic errors at 6-6.

She took no further part in the contest but the 21-year-old is likely to play an important role as the East Germans' build-up to this year's European championships in Switzerland is intensified. The East Germans had a big clear-out of their squad after the Soviet Union took the European gold ahead of them in the last European championship in 1985, and the oldest member of the current East German side is just 23.

Kohler is using the London tournament to sound out his squad before increasing the pace of his preparations in the months ahead.

BASKETBALL

Watson back in action for Solent

By Nicholas Harling

The meeting of BPCC Rams Derby and Drapers Tools Solent Stars in the Carlsberg National League tonight will feature a returning prodigal on either side. Chris Squire has resumed as game coach for Derby following the dismissal of David Lloyd as player-coach last weekend, and Tony Watson, the England international, who has missed most of the last two seasons with Solent, is now back in action after an operation on his back.

Squires coached the Derby team which won promotion to the first division for the first time last season, and will, according to the club's secretary, Martin Shaw, remain part of the coaching set-up in the future. He worked under Lloyd, the former England international, who was relieved of his duties before last Saturday's game with Polycell Kingston.

Lloyd, who took the job in September, says he was dismissed because of a lack of commitment. "I am still very bitter because as far as I am concerned they didn't know what I went through," he said. Derby won only three league games under Lloyd, who was on a verbal contract until April.

Times have certainly changed since Watson last played regularly in the first division for the then all-conquering Solent team. It was to a struggling team that he returned in midweek.

"He has lost a bit of pace through rustiness but that will come back with training and playing," Roger Nash, the Solent chairman, said. "The skill was there, the shot was there and he can still jump. You can't ask for better than that. He looked really good."

HOCKEY

Australia have an unenviable task

By Sydney Friskin

The Australian indoor team, preparing for the 1988 World Cup in Canberra but masquerading as the Esanda Aussies, began their challenge in the Glenfiddich Invitation Tournament in Glasgow today with a group A match against Indispension Trailers, the host club.

In the Australian squad are three former outdoor internationals, Michael Nobbs (goalkeeper), Darren Bannerman and Wayne Thornton, but their hopes of including a few members of the victorious 1986 outdoor World Cup team were unfulfilled. Two other players, Larry McIntosh and Colin Freeman, have played for a New South Wales team before in the Glenfiddich tournament.

Canada however, playing as Adanacs, have included Alan Brahmst, Pat Caruso, Kip Hladky, and Wayne Grimmer from their 1986 World Cup outdoor team which finished tenth in London and they are in group B, along with Menzieshill, Murray International Metals, the holders, and Avoca (Dublin). The Australians face tough group opposition from Indispension Trailers, Arminen (Vienna) and Team Kaliber (Belfast).

It is unfortunate that Murray International Metals and Menzieshill, the winners and runners-up respectively last year, are in the same group. But, as likely as not, both should qualify for the semi-finals as two teams go through from each group. Both sides have outstanding talent, Wilson, Potter, Tom Hay and Knapp appearing for Murray International Metals; McPherson, Christie, Cuthill and Golden for Menzieshill.

Team Kaliber, with the Great Britain Olympic players Martin and McConnell in their ranks, should be treated with the utmost respect and they have as good a chance as any for a place in the semi-finals from their group. The Australians will need to get past the Austrian champions Arminen. The semi-finals and the final will be played tomorrow.

Tulse Hill, the English champions, had earlier expressed a wish to play in the Glenfiddich event but they have a more important commitment in the qualifying rounds of the Royal Bank Indoor Club Championship tomorrow.

Thirty-two teams who survived the earlier qualifying rounds, have been split into eight groups of four and from each group only one in a round-robin series will qualify for the final stages of the event at Crystal Palace on February 27. Tulse Hill have to travel to Bradford where their rivals will be Welton, Southport and Old Bordenians.

In the Roses Indoor Tournament at Bristol on December 20 last year, Welton beat Tulse Hill 11-2. Tulse Hill, however, were without Richard Clarke, who was playing for England in the same tournament, and his presence in the Tulse Hill team now should make a big difference. At the same time, Welton, who defeated Slough 9-5 in the play-off for third place at Bristol, must pose a serious threat to Tulse Hill's chances of survival.

Slough, Indoor club champions on four previous occasions, will be at Swindon where in group six Khalsa appear to be the only side that might give them a little trouble. But with Manjit Flora, Bal Saini and Ken Partington all at the top of their form, Slough ought to find a place among the last eight at Crystal Palace.

MOTOR RALLYING

Vatanen charges into lead

Dirkou, Niger (AFP) — Finland's former world champion, Ari Vatanen, trailing in 274th place on leaving Paris last week, crowned a superb charge through the field by taking the overall lead in the Paris to Dakar event yesterday.

Vatanen, driving a Peugeot 205 turbo, snatched first place by a nine second margin from the Range Rover of the overnight leader, Patrick Zaniroli, the Frenchman who won the rally in 1985.

Zaniroli came in sixth, over 22 penalty minutes down on the Mitsubishi Pajero of his compatriot, Hubert Rigal, who won the 692km timed section on yesterday's seventh stage through the Tenere desert.

Vatanen, pushed to the finish by spectators in the prologue outside Paris after the front right suspension on his Peugeot collapsed, was third at 11min 3sec.

Zaniroli complained later of cheating by rivals. "Not everyone took the same route. I passed people who started after me. A lot cut off 40km," he claimed. The stage finished in the middle of nowhere, around 200km from Dirkou, near what is known as The Lost Tree of the Tenere.

The four-time winner, Cyril Neveu, retained the lead in the motorbike section with his fellow Frenchman, Hubert Auriol, now his nearest rival following a second successive stage win.

Auriol, winner in 1981 and 1983, brought his Cagiva machine home a minute clear of the Honda of Neveu.

SEVENTH STAGE (692km timed section): Motorbikes: 1, H Auriol (Fr) Cagiva 8:09:00; 2, C Neveu (Fr) Honda at 1:00; 3, F Cheriet (Fr) Honda at 4:00. Overall: 1, Neveu 25:10:43; 2, Auriol at 21:31; 3, A De Petri (It) Cagiva at 26:45. Cars: 1, H Rigal (Fr) Mitsubishi 1:55:06 penalty; 2, J Iclox (Sp) Lada at 5:55; 3, A Vatanen (Fin) Peugeot 205 at 11:03; 4, A Cowan (GB) Mitsubishi at 13:27; 5, Masuoka (Japan) Mitsubishi at 31:01; 6, P Zaniroli (Fr) Range Rover at 22:30; 7, S Mehta (Ken) Peugeot 205 at 31:01; 8, K Shinozuka (Japan) Mitsubishi at 44:37. Overall: 1, Vatanen 9:39:17 penalty; 2, Zaniroli at 9 secs; 3, Mehta at 10:50; 4, Iclox at 29:25; 5, Shinozuka at 33:13.

FOOTBALL

Television is dreading the possibility of a Liverpool triumph

By Clive White

The television commentators at Kenilworth Road tomorrow will have to be at their neurotic best should Liverpool defeat their hosts, Luton Town. Otherwise this FA Cup third round tie could turn out to be the most anti-climactic match ever screened; Liverpool's normally deafening support will be limited to the isolated screams of Ronnie Moran, their coach, and the more self-controlled appreciation of the directors.

It will be the first time that outsiders have been allowed to "view" Luton's anti-social experiment this season of banning away supporters. Their belief that silence can be golden, or at least preferable to the obscene chants and hooliganism encouraged by the prescence of rival supporters, will be judged by the nation.

For the sake of atmosphere it would be as well if Luton won since John Moore, their manager, says the crowd are not particularly vociferous by nature. Alan Gunn, the referee, and his linesmen will also be under the microscope, if not the stethoscope.

Visiting players have complained that the approving silence which greets dubious tackles by the home team have helped give them the benefit of the doubt in the minds of the officials. Whereas borderline tackles by the visitors have met with noisy contempt.

The possibility of elimination for the holders is not to be discarded after their 4-1 defeat at Luton in October. Indeed if this were horse racing you would have to say that Luton are even better handicapped this time, or rather not handicapped at all by the important presence of Harford, who but for his troublesome knee injury, might now have been appearing for Liverpool. He is a player to be feared whatever his condition which at the moment after just three games this season is less frightening than normal.

Without him, among others, Luton have climbed to fifth place in the first division - a remarkable achievement given the depression that came over the club following David Pleat's acrimonious departure last May to Tottenham Hotspur.

Few people gave much for the chances of his little known successor, yet Moore has maintained Luton's buoyancy and indeed lifted them higher than ever and, importantly for Luton supporters, above Tottenham. Aware of the comparisons Moore has kept tabs on how he is doing in relation to last season and his able to announce "we're one point up."

There is every chance of further improvement, too; tomorrow will be the first time this season that Moore has been able to field a full strength side. Hill and Preece are almost certain of making their first appearances in two months because of nagging injuries. "They are likely to play because it's a game where experienced men will be valuable," Moore says.

If Luton win they will enjoy a particular rare feeling of triumph; it will be their third victory this season against Merseysiders.

FA CUP TEAM NEWS

Aldershot v Oxford Utd
Aldershot will be without one former first division player, King, because of injury, but another, Barnes, is fit. Oxford, without an experienced central defender, play Hebberd alongside Dreyer. Trewick has recovered from a virus.

Aston Villa v Chelsea
With Nevin and Spackman are absent with flu and McNaught ruled out by a hamstring strain, Chelsea bring Hazard, Jones, Rougvie and Bumstead into the squad. Bumstead will need a fitness check on his Achilles tendon injury. Villa are likely to be unchanged, which means Keown continues in place of Elliott and Stainrod in place of Gray.

Bristol C v Plymouth
Hutchinson, the Bristol City captain, is out with a chest infection and Curle is suspended, but Waugh and Walsh have recovered. Marshall comes in and Llewellyn is recalled at right back with Newman moving to midfield. City drop Rowbottom and Burrows and recall Summerfield and either McElhinney or Uzzell in defence.

Caernarfon v Barnsley
Robin Jones is likely to replace the suspended Huw Williams. Barnsley are still without Joyce (ankle) and Dobbin (knee).

Charlton v Walsall
Walsall, without the suspended Forbes, await a fitness check on Rees's hamstring. With Lee, Johns and Curbishley recovering from injury, Charlton will be unchanged. Gritt, Pender and Beggs come into the squad.

Coventry v Bolton
Coventry prefer Gynn to Sedgley on a frosty pitch.

Everton v Southampton
Shilton, recovered from a broken nose, returns for Southampton, who also welcome back Bond and Hobson. Everton are unchanged.

Fulham v Swindon
Fulham wait on Davies (groin) and Hopkins (thigh). Kamara, of Swindon, is suspended and Henry doubtful with a leg injury.

Grimsby v Stoke
Stoke field the side unbeaten in seven league games.

Ipswich v Birmingham
With Clarke suspended Dicks comes into Birmingham's midfield and Whitton moves into attack. Cooper and Deehan return for Ipswich after injury.

Man Utd v Man City
Davenport, Whiteside and Sivebaek return for United. City may play Beckford, a teenager, in place of the injured Moulden. Baker, Brightwell, May and Reid are added to the squad.

Middlesbrough v Preston
Kerr, signed from Aston Villa, makes his Middlesbrough debut in place of the suspended Stephens.

Millwall v Cardiff
Millwall, no longer troubled by flu, have Marks and Stevens fit.

Norwich v Huddersfield
Norwich are unchanged again though Barham, out for nine games with an ankle injury, is added to the squad.

Oldham v Bradford
Managerless Bradford have doubts about Evans (knee), Hendrie (ankle), Clegg (ankle) and Ellis (flu). McGuire and Ryan come into the Oldham team in place of Williams, who has failed a fitness test and Palmer, who is suspended.

Orient v West Ham
Ward and Dickens face late tests for West Ham. Cornwell, a close friend of West Ham's Cottee, returns to the Orient defence in place of Hughton, who is cup-tied.

Portsmouth v Blackburn
Arsenal have refused Portsmouth permission to play Thomas, who is on loan to the club. Tait moves to left back and Hillaire, Ball and Collins compete for the midfield vacancy.

QPR v Leicester
Bannister is set to return after a rib injury for Rangers alongside Rosenoir and Fillery, recovered from a back operation last March, plays in place of the suspended Allen.

Reading v Arsenal
Reading, still negotiating over the possible transfer of Barron, will probably recall Westwood to keep goal. Bailie has a knee injury. Arsenal will be unchanged with Rix and Caesar on the bench.

Sheffield Utd v Brighton
Brighton include Tittman, an untried forward, and Chapman, a 18-year-old, in their squad of 14.

Swansea v WBA
Swansea will be without Atkinson, whom Oldham do not want cup-tied, and possibly French. Statham has recovered from a foot injury for Albion.

Tottenham v Scunthorpe
Tottenham's Clemence is fit to face his first club. Hodge and Ruddock join last week's 12. McLean, the Scunthorpe captain, out since November, is included in the squad which lacks Richardson (knee) and Howell (suspended).

Watford v Maidstone
Watford recall Callaghan in place of Blissett. Hall and Torrance are fit after injury for Maidstone who have Bartley and White are cup-tied. Galloway and Rost come into a squad of 13.

Wimbledon v Sunderland
Sunderland recall Hesford in goal but Gray, out for five weeks, will not be risked. Corner will continue to deputize for Hetzke.

Wrexham v Chester
Williams and Comstive return for Wrexham.

Tomorrow

C Palace v Nottingham F
O'Reilly, signed from Brighton, makes his debut in place of the suspended Nebbeling

Luton v Liverpool
Luton, with Hill and Preece back, are at full strength.

Telford v Leeds
Telford's Williams is doubtful because of a back injury and Trevor Storton, brother of manager Stan, is cup-tied. Doig, who has played only two full games for Leeds, takes over Snodin's position.





Hoping to return for Luton: Preece (left) and Hill

Their cups brimmeth over

By Paul Newman

Telford United and Maidstone United go into their FA Cup third round ties this weekend, against Leeds United and Watford respectively, with distinctly mixed feelings. Although the matches promise to be a highlight of the season for the two GM-Vauxhall Conference clubs, they both know that the Cup is already proving a harmful distraction.

This season, for the first time, the reward for the Conference champions will be automatic promotion to the fourth division. Telford and Maidstone have been in the thick of the promotion hunt but with their attention diverted by the Cup, both have lost ground.

Stan Storton, Telford's manager, said: "Winning the League, especially this season, has always been our top priority, but whatever you say to the lads about taking one game at a time or about the importance of the League, it's impossible to keep their minds off the big Cup games. Our Cup runs have always coincided with a loss of form in the League, though thankfully it hasn't been as bad so far this season."

The FA Cup is one of several distractions for Maidstone. Bill Williams, their manager, said: "We're still in four cup competitions and over the last two months or so we've played 14 cup games, including seven in the FA Cup. I don't believe that it's good to be beaten in any competition but there's no doubt that our League form has suffered as a consequence."

Although Storton considers the Cup "a pain in the backside", he admits that "it's a pain every other manager in our League would love to have."

The Cup has put Telford on the football map, for in knocking out 10 League sides in the last five seasons they have won more attention than many third and fourth division clubs. Maidstone, too, have enjoyed their share of Cup glory, having reached the third round four times in the last nine seasons.

The Kent club have spent £8,000 on ground improvements in readiness for a possible replay but it would be a remarkable feat to hold Watford today. Graham Taylor's team lie eleventh in the first division and boast an attack which has tormented some of the best defences in the country.

Williams said: "Brazil couldn't cope with John Barnes, so it's asking a lot of my defenders to do so. All I want is for them to do the best they can. If we get anything out of the game it will almost certainly be the defence that earn it, because they're probably our greatest strength."

Storton admits that Telford lost the biggest factor in their favour when they were forced to concede home advantage. The police did not consider their Buck's Head ground a suitable venue at which to entertain the notorious hooligans among Leeds' followers and the Football Association prevailed upon West Bromwich Albion to stage the game tomorrow.

"Leeds will be a lot happier to play there than at our place," Storton said. "Throughout our Cup runs of recent years we've been unbeaten at home against League opposition. But we've played a practice match at the Hawthorns and the lads liked it. They certainly won't be overawed, because most of them played at Everton in front of 47,000 people two years ago."

Telford took 10,000 supporters to Goodison Park, but considerably fewer will travel to West Bromwich tomorrow. "A number of people aren't going as a protest against our not being allowed to stage the game," Storton said.

Leeds have recently hit a bad patch in the second division and in midweek sold their highly talented midfield player, Ian Snodin, to Everton. However, Storton, a Yorkshireman and life-long Leeds supporter, retains great respect for his opponents. "Logic says they should beat us, but we've shown plenty of times before that at our best we're a match for most sides. I hope above all that we can provide an entertaining game and that there's no trouble off the pitch."

Caernarfon Town, the other non-League team left in the Cup, entertain Barnsley this afternoon. Having already accounted for Stockport County and York City, the Multipart League side will be full of confidence against opponents who have won only four second division games this season.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final, third series: Real Madrid 92, Zadar (Yug) 79.

KORAC CUP: Cai Zaragoza (Sp) bt Marlembourg (Bel) 90-66; Caserta (It) bt Bosc Madrid 106-102. Tofas Milan (It) bt Zalgiuris Kaunas (USSR) 75-71; Real Madrid (Sp) bt Zadar (Yug) 92-79.

RONCHETTI CUP (Women): Quarter-final: VS Prague (Cz) bt Abana Tortosa (Sp), 86-85; Sparta Prague (Cz) bt Stade Francais, Nevsailles (Fr) 72-58; Primigi Vicenza (It) bt Partizan Belgrade 104-82.

BELFAST: Milk International club tournament: Calderdale 95, St Gallis 66.

NEW YORK: National Association games: Cleveland Cavaliers 103, Los Angeles Clippers 93; Chicago Bulls 121, Portland Trail Blazers 117; Houston Rockets 110, Indiana Pacers 98; Utah Jazz 107, Los Angeles Lakers 101; Seattle Supersonics 115, Golden State Warriors 108.

GOLF

PHALABORWA, South Africa: Sunshine Circuit tournament: (South African unless stated): 132: C Williams; 133: J Fourie; 135: P Jonas, S van Vuuren, T Dodds 137: R Hartmann (US), M McKenzie (GB), R Stewart, 138: A Chandler (GB), I Palmer, H Baiocchi, M Jamse (GB), M McNulty; 139: P Harrison (GB), H Buhrmann, T Webber; 140: J Diamini (Swaziland), B Evans (GB), G Pearson, S Smith (US), S Bishop (GB), F Allem, J Hawkes.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National league (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 4, Boston Bruins 4 (OT); Quebec Nordiques 4, New Jersey Devils 4 (OT); Minuesota North Stars 5, Buffalo Sabres 4 (OT); Calgary Flames 5, Los Angeles Kings 4.

VOLLEYBALL

PICKFORDS TROPHY: Cuba bt Japan 3-0; East Germany bt Japan 3-0.

SKIING

FULPMES, Austria: British junior championships: Giant slalom: Boys: 1, S Pattison (Gawiria), 44.71sec; 2, R Clyde (Aviemore) 44.96; 3, N Bartch (Edinburgh) 45.50. Girls: 1, M Adam (Falkirk) 48.06; 2, C Vaughan-(South Queensferry) 48.16; 3, N Tait (Edinburgh) 49.32. Downhill: Boys: 1, R Weiner (Oxford) 1min 37.02sec; 2, M Anstead (London) 1:38.47; 3, C Gilmour (Perington, Oxford) 1:38.92. Girls: 1, D Pratt (Leeds) 1 min 41.80; 2, D Angela (Cairbridge) 1:46.69; 3, J Gordon (Woldingham) 1:49.15.

TENNIS

ADELAIDE, Australia: Exhibition challenge: Lacoste (Fr), bt P Cash (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; B Becker (WG) bt K Curran (US), 7-6, 7-6. PERTH, Western Australian open: Quarter-final: Men's singles: D Goldie (US) bt Y Noah (Fr), 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; M Anger (US), bt M Kratzmann (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; P Annacone (US), bt D Van Rensburg (SAf), 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe), bt B Drewett (Aus), 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

Egghead unlikely to match up to young Goliaths

From John Ballantine, Carlsbad, California

"I may not be in the class of big hitters like Greg Norman and Bob Tway but one thing I do know, when at my best, I can beat anyone." Rick Fehr said firmly after scoring the second round 67 to lead the Tournament of Champions.

His confident reply recalled that of the late Dai Rees when I asked him once how, as a young unknown Welshman, he had gone into a draw of maybe 100 established players truly feeling he could win. "I didn't think of their size or reputations," Dai answered, "I just looked at their scores and at mine and told myself, to heck with it, on this evidence I can win."

Fehr, who was in the victorious American team in the Walker Cup matches at Hoylake in 1983, seems, on face value, the man "most unlikely to" step into the shoes of the semi-retired Jack Nicklaus compared with the new breed of golfing Goliaths, Tway, Mark Calcavecchia and Hal Sutton.

He is a study in tight brown; brown hair, clipped brown moustache, brown pants and sweater and tan shoes. He appears more like a young executive than a potential star and, indeed, he graduated with a degree in finance at Brigham Young University two years ago.

Look at his record however and reconsider: twice an all American, winner of the PGA's national junior title in 1979 and low amateur in both the Masters and the US Open in 1984. "Boy, that eggbead can play," a typical spectator over here might enthuse, and so he can.

Sandy Lyle who drove well, and played well, too, without doing any better than another 72, will be looking for a middle-of-the-table prize of £6,980 to £9,000.

SECOND ROUND LEADERS: (US unless stated): 135: R Fehr 68, 67. 137: M O'Grady 65, 72. 138: R Floyd 70, 68; J Mahaffey 70, 68. 139: G Norman (Aus) 69, 70; R Tway 71, 68. 140: D Tweddle 70, 70; M Calcavecchia 65, 75. 141: H Sutton 72, 69; C Pavin 68, 73; D Hammond 70, 71. 142: B Crenshaw 72, 70, M White 70, 72. 143: J Thorpe 72, 71; D Pohl 70, 73. 144: A Lyle (GB) 72, 72; G Sauers 72, 72.

Bathurst's day

By Mitchell Platts

Peter Bathurst accomplished a supreme achievement in the Oxford and Cambridge President's Putter by eliminating two previous winners in clear if chilly conditions at Rye yesterday.

For Bathurst is not a newcomer to the scene but a 60-year-old solicitor from Alton, Hampshire, who, with a handicap of six at Hankley Common, is competing in the Putter for the 34th time.

To do so Bathurst was compelled to recover from two down after six holes in the second round in the morning to gain a 4 and 3 win over Clifford Weight.

RESULTS: Second round: P J R Bathurst bt C J Weight 4 and 3; D M A Steel bt W P Cooper 2 and 1; C L A Eggington bt A G Edmond 3 and 2; J M T Warman bt J E Behrend 3 and 2; C D Meacher bt N M Williamson 3 and 2; J P Moorhead bt P R Pentecost at 19th; D J Hardiem bt R J H Randall 4 and 3; S M Turnbull bt J D Bradbury 8 and 5; K Frearson bt R J Bevan 3 and 1; S H Sharpe bt N R M Philcox 4 and 3; D G Streather bt C FL Hill 4 and 3; P M Froggatt bt J J N Caplen (holder) 1 hole; W J Uzzell bt B D Bush 1 hole; G W Dixon bt J B L Webster 2 and 1; W H Barclay bt M H Mellin at 20th; D I Wilson bt B H G Chapman 3 and 2; T J Hanson bt A G M Goodrich 3 and 2; R F Palmer bt P J R Bowater 3 and 2; M Yates bt P Dawson 3 and 2; I Armitage bt J M Brandow 4 and 3; A Dicker bt M W M R Meagher 7 and 6; J M Cowman bt B J Jenkins 1 hole; R P Lawson bt D J Warden 5 and 4; J Clennett bt D L Baxter 4 and 3; R C Phillips bt A D Swanson 4 and 3; P A Vickers bt J G Coulter 2 and 1; J G Downe bt W J Balthache 1 hole; T M Walker bt C J Dean 7 and 6; T A Wildmoon bt N J Grant 3 and 2; Rev M P J Bonney bt T E D Hatcher 7 and 6; A N S Fisher bt A P Stacey 1 hole; D J Youngman bt C E Tipping 2 and 1. Third round: Bathurst bt Snell 3 and 2; Eggington bt Warman 3 and 2; Meacher bt Moorhead 1 hole; Hamilton bt Turnbull 4 and 3; Frearson bt Sharpe 2 and 1; Streather bt Froggatt at 20th; Uzzell bt Dixon at 19th; Barclay bt Wilson 4 and 3; Palmer bt Hanson 3 and 2; Armitage bt Yates 4 and 3; Cowman bt Disley 1 hole; Clennett bt Lawson 3 and 2; Vickers bt Phillips 3 and 2; Walker bt Downe at 21st; Williamson bt Bonney 2 and 1; Youngman bt Fisher 1 hole.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C
FRANCE						
La Plagne	140	180	good	powder good	fine	-17
Skiing good above 2,000m						
Les Arcs	40	188	good	powder good	fine	-8
Heavy powder on hard base						
Val Thorens	200	270	good	firm	good	sun -6
Perfect skiing everywhere						
SWITZERLAND						
Lenzerheide	140	190	good	powder good	fine	-10
Amazing skiing everywhere						
St Moritz	30	40	worn	heavy	poor	fine -15
Very cold, skiable most areas						
Verbier	80	200	good	powder good	settling	-2
Good skiing everywhere						
Wengen	100	150	good	powder good	fine	-4
Great skiing						
Zermatt	85	180	good	wind	fine	-4
Skiing superb on upper slopes						

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, complete hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, complete hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, but narrow, hard-packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1,800ft; hill roads, clear, main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Lecht: upper runs, complete, wide snow cover, surface icy on a firm base; middle runs, complete, wide snow cover, hard-packed snow on a firm base; lower slopes: ample nursery areas, hard-packed snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear, main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee (weekends only): upper runs, complete, wide snow cover, surface icy on a firm base: middle runs, complete, wide snow cover, hard-packed snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard-packed snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear, main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: Upper runs, complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, complete hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, but narrow, hard-packed snow with many icy patches; saddle runs, complete, but narrow, hard-packed snow with many icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, but narrow, hard-packed snow with many icy patches; vertical runs, 1,000ft; hill roads, 6in snow, main roads, icy; snow level, 1,000ft. Forecast for skiing conditions: rather cloudy, occasional snow showers, mainly in the east, very cold with below-zero temperatures, fresh SE wind. Outlook for tomorrow: mainly dry, sunny intervals, isolated snow showers to east, very cold.

Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER SPORTS FIXTURES

FA Cup
Third round
Aldershot v Oxford
A Villa v Chelsea
Bristol C v Plymouth
Caernarfon v Barnsley (2.15)
Charlton v Walsall
Coventry v Bolton
Everton v Southampton
Fulham v Swindon
Grimsby v Stoke
Ipswich v Birmingham
Manchester Utd v Manchester C
Middlesbrough v Preston
Millwall v Cardiff
Newcastle v Northampton P
Norwich v Huddersfield
Oldham v Bradford
Orient v West Ham
Portsmouth v Blackburn
QPR v Leicester
Reading v Arsenal
Sheffield Utd v Brighton
Sheffield Wed v Derby P
Shrewsbury v Hull P
Swansea v WBA
Tottenham v Scunthorpe
Watford v Maidstone
Wigan v Gillingham P
Wimbledon v Sunderland
Wrexham v Chester

Third division
Bournemouth v Brentford
Chesterfield v Blackpool
Notts Co v Newport

Fourth division
Burnley v Torquay
Cambridge v Wolverhampton
Colchester v Lincoln
Crewe v Rochdale
Southend v Peterborough
Tranmere v Hartlepool (2.0)

Scottish FA Cup
Second round
Albion v Whitehill P
Caledonian v Spartans P
Raith v Vale of L P
Rothes v Peterhead
St Johnstone v Queens Park
Stanhousemuir v Berwick P
Stirling v Meadowbank P
Stranraer v Ayr

GM Vauxhall Conference
Cheltenham v Runcorn
Enfield v Scarboro
Frickley v Altrincham
Gateshead v Nuneaton
K'minster v Dagenham
Northwich v Bath
Stafford v Barnet
Sutton U v Boston
Welling v Weekstone

Multipart League
Barrow v Hyde
Chorley v Southport
Gainsborough v Bangor
Marine v Worksop
Matlock v S Liverpool
Morecambe v Burton
Mossley v Buxton
Oswestry v Horwich
Workington v Rhyl

Scottish premier division
Aberdeen v Hearts P
Dundee Utd v Celtic P
Falkirk v Hamilton P
Hibernian v St Mirren
Motherwell v Dundee
Rangers v Clydebank

Scottish first division
Airdrie v Kilmarnock P
Brechin v Dunfermline P
Dumbarton v Montrose (2.0) P
Forfar v Clyde
Partick v Morton P
Queen of Sth v E Fife P

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE (2.15): Bangor v Portadown; Cliftonville v Newry; Coleraine v Linfield; Distillery v Crusaders; Glenavon v Carrick; Glentoran v Ards (3.0); Larne v Ballymena.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION (2.0): Arsenal v Luton (3.0); Chelsea v Bristol Rovers (1.0); Southampton v Fulham; West Ham v QPR.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Worcester; Aylesbury v Cambridge City; Basingstoke v Fareham; Chelmsford v Gosport; Crawley v Corby; Dartford v Witney; Dudley v Fisher (at Stourbridge); King's Lynn v Bedworth; Redditch v Bromsgrove; Salisbury v Folkestone; Willenhall v Shepshed. Midland division: Bilston v Forest Green; Bridgnorth v VS Rugby; Buckingham v Wellingborough; Gloucester v Moor Green; Halesowen v Banbury; Hednesford v Grantham; Leicester United v Stourbridge; Merthyr Tydfil v Coventry Sporting; Mile Oak v Leamington; Rushden v Sutton Coldfield. Southern division: Andover v Erith and Belvedere; Ashford v Woodford; Corinthian v Dorchester; Dover v Poole; Hastings v Gravesend and Northfleet; Ruislip v Chatham; Tonbridge v Thanet; Trowbridge v Sheppey; Waterlooville v Canterbury.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Kingstonian; Carshalton v Hendon; Dulwich v Hayes; Famborough v Croydon; Harrow v Bromley; Hitchin v Bognor; Slough v Bishop's Stortford; Tooting and Mitcham v Wokingham; Worthing v Windsor and Eton; Wycombe v Walthamstow; Yeovil v St Albans. First division: Basildon v Maidenhead United; Bracknell v Grays; Epsom and Ewell v Boreham Wood; Finchley v Leyton Wingate; Hampton v Walton and Hersham; Leytonstone Ilford v Wembley (at Dagenham); Southwick v Oxford City; Staines v Kingsbury; Stevenage v Lowes; Tilbury v Leatherhead; Uxbridge v Billericay. Second division north: Barton v Clapton; Cheshunt v Hertford; Collier Row v Berkhamsted (3.30); Hemel Hempstead v Heybridge; Letchworth GC v Hornchurch; Rainham v Chesham; Royston v Haringey; Tring v Saffron Walden; Ware v Harlow; Wivenhoe v Wolverton. Second division south: Dorking v Egham; Eastbourne United v Chalfont St Peter; Flackwell Heath v Chertsey; Hungerford v Petersfield; Marlow v Horsfield; Metropolitan Police v Feltham; Ruislip Manor v Horsham; Southall v Newbury.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Charlton v Watford; Arsenal v Portsmouth; Fulham v Southend; Millwall v QPR; Norwich v Ipswich; Orient v Chelsea; Tottenham v Cambridge; West Ham v Gillingham. Second division: Bournemouth v Luton; Brighton v Colchester; Bristol Rovers v Swindon; Crystal Palace v Tottenham; Southampton v Oxford United; Southend v Brentford; Wimbledon v Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round (2.0): Ashcroft Co-Op v Ampthill; Dunstable v East Bray (3.0); 61 FC (Luton) v Vauxhall Motors; Totternhoe v Arlesey.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE SENIOR TROPHY: Third round replay: Shortwood v Sharpness (2.0).

OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round (2.0): Easington v Morris Motors; Eynsham v Thame; Kidlington v Chipping Norton.

ALDERS SURREY COUNTY SENIOR CUP: Fifth qualifying round: Ash v Bae Weybridge; Banstead v Godalming; Harley Wintney v Redhill; Woking v Malden Vale; Molesey v Camberley.

WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Park v Highworth (2.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Liverpool v Stoke (2.0).

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Third round: Derbyshire v North Riding (at Alfreton FC, 2.30); Hertfordshire v Birmingham (at Boreham Wood FC).

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE (2.0): Premier division: Chipstead v Chobham; Cranleigh v Farnham; Frimley Green v Westfield; Horley v Cobham (3.0); Malden v Mersham; Virginia Water v Cove.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury v Gorleston; Ely v Chatteris; Felixstowe v Braintree; Great Yarmouth v Colchester United; Harwich and Parkeston v Histon; Lowestoft v Haverhill; March v Brantham; Stowmarket v Newmarket; Sudbury v Wisbech; Tiptree v Thetford; Watton v Clacton.

ESSEX LEAGUE: Senior Section: Brentwood v Stansted; Burnham v Sawbridgeworth; Canvey Island v Halstead; East Thurrock v Chelmsford; Ford v Brightlingsea; Purfleet v Bowers; Witham v Eton Manor; Woodford v Maldon.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE (2.30): Premier division: Abingdon Town v Hounslow; Moreton v Viking (3.0); Pegasus v Fairford; Penhill v Supermarine; Rayners Lane v Wantage; Wallingford v Abingdon United.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: League Cup (1.45): Second round: Berkingside v Swanley. Third round: Brimsdown v Beckton. Premier division (2.0): Beaconsfield v Ulysses; Edgware v Corinthian Casuals (3.0); Northwood v Denson (3.0); Crown and Manor v Yeading; Hanwell v Pennant; Southgate v Waltham Abbey.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland v Chester le Street; Blue Star v Peterlee; Blyth v Ferryhill; Easington v Gretna; South Bank v North Shields; Tow Law v Ryhope; Whitby v Consett; Whitley Bay v Spennymoor.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe v Emley; Belper v Eastwood; Bridlington Trinity v North Ferriby; Brigg v Bentley Victoria; Harrogate v Boston; Pontefract v Alfreton; Sutton Town v Long Eaton; Thackley v Bridlington.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: League Cup: Fourth round: Colne v Penrith; Colwyn Bay v Winsford; Lancaster v Leek; Leyland Motors v Kirkby; St Helens v Burscough; Skelmersdale v Fleetwood. First division: Clitheroe v Radcliffe; Congleton v Bootle; Netherfield v Eastwood Hanley; Rossendale v Accrington Stanley; Stalybridge v Glossop.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE (2.0): First division: Eastbourne Town v Arundel; Haywards Heath v Wick; Horsham YMCA v Shoreham (3.0); Lancing v Hailsham (3.0); Littlehampton v Burgess Hill; Midhurst and Easebourne v Chichester; Portfield v Peacehaven and Telscombe; Whitehawk v Three Bridges.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v Rothwell; Brackley v Stotfold; Kempston v Desborough; Long Buckby v Irthlingborough; Northampton Spencer v Baldock; Raunds v Potton; St Neot's v Stamford; S and L Corby v Eynesbury; Wootton v Holbeach. League Cup: Spalding v Higham.

WESSEX LEAGUE: Bashley v Fareham; Brockenhurst v Totton; Havant v Thatcham; Horndean v Steyning; Newport v Wellworthy; Portsla v Road Sea; Portsmouth RN v Eastleigh; Sholing v Bournemouth.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.0): Premier division: O Ardinians v O Etonians; O Malvernians v O Chigwellians; O Reptonians v Lancing OB. First division: O Bradfieldians v O Aldenhamians; O Salopians v O Foresters; O Wellingtonians v O Wykehamists; O Westminsters v O Harrovians.

RUGBY UNION

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A
Bristol v Coventry
Leicester v Gloucester (2.30)

MERIT TABLE B
Richmond v London Irish

CLUB MATCHES
Abertillery v Bridgend
Bath v London Welsh
Bedwas Rangers v Northampton (2.15)
Bedford v Sale
Birmingham v Middlesbrough (2.45)
Camborne v Exeter (2.45)
Cardiff v Aberavon
Cross Keys v Penarth
Durham v Liverpool St Helens (2.15)
Ebbw Vale v Maesteg (2.15)
Fylde v Nuneaton (2.30)
Gosforth v London Scottish (2.15)
Harlequins v Blackheath (at Stoop Mem Grnd, 2.15)
Manchester v Headingley (2.30)
Metropolitan Police v Saracens (2.30)
Morley v Roundhay (2.30)
Moseley v Neath
Newbridge v South Wales Police
Newport v Swansea (2.30)
Rosslyn Park v Nottingham
Orrell v West Hartlepool (2.30)
Plymouth v Vale of Lune (2.45)
Pontypool v Pontypridd
Rugby v Harrogate (2.30)
Sheffield v Wakefield (2.30)
South Glamorgan Inst v Glamorgan Wanderers (2.30)
Weston-super-Mare v US Portsmouth; Woodford v Maidstone.
Wasps v Llanelli (2.30)
Waterloo v Broughton Park (2.15)

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division
Edinburgh Acads v Boroughmuir
Hawick v Watsonians
Kelso v Heriot's FP
Melrose v Jed-Forest
Selkirk v Glasgow Acads
Stewart's Melville FP v Gala
West of Scotland v Ayr

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Ashford (Kent) v Canterbury; Askeans v Westcombe Park; Aylesbury v Marlow; Bancroft v Civil Service; Barnet v Hertford; Bishop's Stortford v Harpenden; Braintree v Cambridge; Brighton v Beckenham; Colchester v Brentwood; Dartfordians v NatWest Bank; Ealing v Fullerians; Eastleigh v Winchester; Esher v Havant; Greenwich v O Gravesendians; Guildford and Godalming v Maidenhead; Harlow v Bedford Athletic; Hendon v Gosh-hoppers; Henley v Sutton and Epsom; High Wycombe v Oxford OB; Ipswich v East London; KCS OB v O Wimbledonians; London NZ v Finchley; Norwich v Shelford; O Blues v St Mary's Hospital; O Colfeians v O Emanuel; O Geytonians v O Mithallians; O Meadonians v Ossenley; O Westcliffians v Eton Manor; O Whitgiftians v Streatham-Croydon; Reading v Newbury; Ruislip v Slough; Sidcup v Guy's Hospital; Southend v Upper Clapton; Staines v Windsor; Stockwood Park O Verulamians; Tabard v Leighton Buzzard; Thurrock v Lewes; Weston-super-Mare v US Portsmouth; Woodford v Maidstone.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY
Final
Warrington v Wigan (at Bolton Wanderers FC, 2.15).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (8.0): Carlsberg first division men: Happy Easter Bracknell Pirates v Sharp Manchester United; Homespare Bolton and Bury v Team Polycell Kingston; BPCC Rams Derby v Draper Tools Solent Stars: Hemel and Watford Royals v Reg Vardy Sunderland. Second division west: TP Group Cleveland v CES Centurians Colchester; Oldham Celtics v Tower Hamlets; Plymouth Raiders v Just Rentals Rhondda (7.30). First division women (6.0): Hemel and Watford Rebels v London YMCA; Team Polycell Kingston v Stockport Louvolite (4.0); Typhoo Sheffield Hatters v Lambeth Lady Topcats.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Ashford Tanners v Ruislip Eagles (2.0); Liverpool v EK '82 (4.0); Tryst '77 v Kirkby Select (3.0).

HOCKEY

TOURNAMENTS: Glenfiddich Invitation (at Glasgow); Women's home counties indoor tournament (at Cardiff).

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE (2.15): Premier division: Reading v Hounslow. League: Blackheath v Weybridge Hawks; Chelsea v Bromley; Maidenhead v Slough; O Kingstonian v Surbiton; Purley v Mid Surrey; St Albans v Dulwich; Southgate v Beckenham; Spencar v Tulse Hill.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins v Murrayfield Racers (7.0); Cleveland Bombers v Fife Flyers (6.30); Dundee Rockets v Nottingham Panthers (5.30); Durham Wasps v Streatham Redskins (6.30). First division: Blackpool Seagulls v Sunderland Chiefs (7.30); Glasgow Eagles v Southampton Vikings (5.0); Kirkcaldy Kestrels v Medway Bears (6.30); Oxford City Stars v Peterborough Pirates (5.30); Swindon Wildcats v Lee Valley Lions (5.15); Telford Tigers v Irvine Wings (7.0).

LACROSSE

TOUR MATCH: South of England President's X v Denison University (US) (at Orpington).

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Boardman and Eccles v O Waconians; Heaton Mersey v Mellor; Sale v Ashton; Stockport v Cheadle; Urmston v O Hulmeans.

BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: London University v Enfield; Purley v Chpstead.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men (7.30): Newcastle (Staffs) v Ponsmouth Heatseak; OBC Poole v Speedwell Rucanor (5.30); Polonia v Malory (7.0); Redwood Lodge v Liverpool City.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Cosford games.

BOWLS: Prudential Liberty Trophy: Quarter-finals: Northumberland v Durham (at Newcastle and Stanley, 12.30); Norfolk v Lincolnshire (at Northampton, 10.30); Somerset v Wiltshire (at Malvern Hills, 10.0); Kent v Middlesex (at Egham, 10.0).

DARTS: Embassy World professional championship (at Frimley Green, 2.0 and 7.0).

YACHTING: Bloody Mary dinghy regatta (at Que

SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

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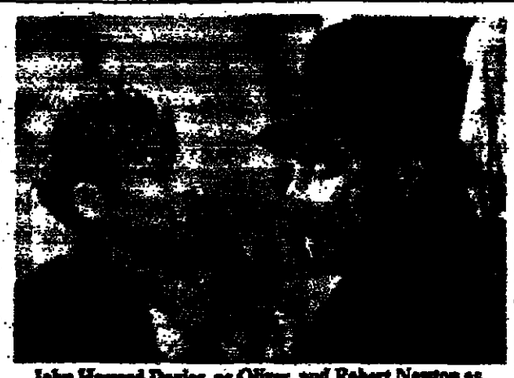
● Michael Cimino's *Heaven's Gate* (BBC2, 9.55pm) dwarfs everything else on television tonight, in terms of money lavished on it ($36 million), time needed to watch it (3hrs 40 minutes), characters absorbed by it (countless), shirts lost on it and cinema box-offices shunned through it (both catastrophes still being measured). All praise to BBC TV for giving us a chance to see the uncut version of this unprecedented Western. How else can we decide whether it is a masterpiece or a disaster?

● Budget-wise and time-wise a mole compared with the *Heaven's Gate* mountain, David Lean's Oliver Twist (Channel 4, 2.55pm) will, none the less, be considered a more accomplished piece of screencraft by more than one viewer. It is, in every way, a worthy stable companion for Lean's *Great Expectations*.

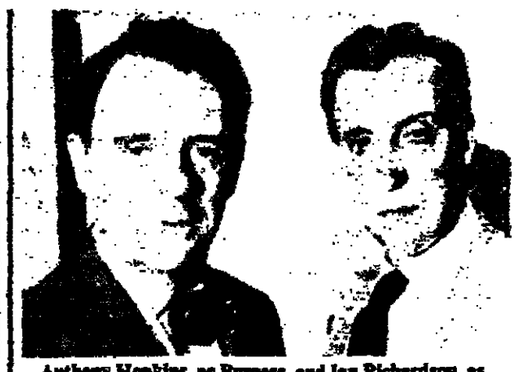
● Best of the rest on TV: French TV's ballet-and-words amalgam **Proust Remembered** (BBC2, 7.25pm), and the repeated **An Audience with Dame Edna Everage** (C4, 10.55pm). A marathon of inspired, impromptu, comedy.

Peter Davalle

CHOICE



John Howard Davies, as Oliver, and Robert Newton as Sikes: Oliver Twist, Channel 4, 2.55pm



Anthony Hopkins, as Burgess, and Ian Richardson, as Blunt, in Blunt, BBC2, 10.10pm

CHOICE

● I don't envy non-possessors of video recorders tonight who will have to make the decision whether to watch Anthony Hopkins's Guy Burgess in Robin Chapman's unnerving cool **Blunt** (BBC2, 10.10), or Anthony Hopkins's Lear in **The South Bank Show** (ITV, 10.30). To make matters worse, both programmes offer other unmissable attractions. Hopkins on BBC TV gets some formidable competition from Ian Richardson's Anthony Blunt, while Hopkins on ITV has to stand up to some tough comparison with earlier Lears like Scofield's, Olivier's and Hordern's.

● Best of the rest on TV: the 1985 Verona arena production of Verdi's *Il trovatore* (Channel 4, 2.30pm); and part one of Geoff Dunlop's ambitious series about the visual arts in the eighties, **State of the Art** (C4, 8.15pm). A new Miss Marple yarn, **Sleeping Murder**, begins on BBC1 at 7.45. To national relief, Joan Hickson still plays the amateur sleuth.

● Radio choice: the 1986 Worcester Cathedral performance of Elgar's **The Apostles** (Radio 3, 7.20pm).

P.D.

BBC 1

6.30 The Hunter. (r) 8.35 The Muppet Babies.
9.00 Saturday SuperStore managed by Mike Read. Among this morning's guests is Mrs Thatcher.
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: (subject to alteration) 12.20 and 1.25 Cricket: *Fifth Test.* 12.25 Football Focus with Bob Wilson; 12.55 News and weather; 1.05 Boxing: Daren Dyer v Del Bryan; 1.45 and 2.55 Racing from Leopardstown; 2.10 and 3.10 Rugby League: the John Player Special Trophy Final; 3.45 Half-times; 4.00 Squash: the Globespan Telesquash International; 4.35 Final score.
5.05 News with Jan Leeming. Weather 5.15 Sport/Regional news.
5.20 *Perfect Strangers.* American comedy series.
5.45 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Mr Savile fixes it is a six-year-old who wanted to sail under Tower Bridge when open. (Ceefax)
6.20 Hi-de-Hi! Who is responsible for Mr Partridge's dead body floating in the swimming pool? (Ceefax)
6.50 Bob's Full House. Bingo quiz show presented by Bob Monkhouse. (Ceefax)
7.25 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The magician is by the watery wastes of Lake Windermere. In the studio his guests are chair balancer Klaus Lohse; and, on a return visit, Harry Blackstone Jr.(Ceefax)
8.10 Bergerac. The Jersey detective investigates death threats against a retired computer buff. Starring John Nettles and, this week, Michael Gambon and Connie Booth. (Ceefax)
9.05 Carrott Confidential. Jasper Carrott with his wry view of life.
9.40 News and sport. With Jan Leeming. Weather.
9.55 Cagney and Lacey. The two New York police officers investigate a complaint made by an Afghan refugee that his sister is being poisoned and raped by her boyfriend. (Ceefax)
10.45 World Darts. First round matches in the Embassy World Championship.
11.15 Film: Oh God! (1977) A comedy starring George Burns as God and John Denver his messenger on Earth, chosen to prove to the world that good things only happen when you try. Directed by Carl Reiner.
12.50 Weather.

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax 10.45 Open University. Until 1.30.
1.35 Film: A Hole in the Head (1959) starring Frank Sinatra, Edward G Robinson, Thelma Ritter, and Eleanor Parker. Comedy with Sinatra playing the part of a Miami drop-out, trying to pick himself up with the help of his older brother, who extracts a high price for his assistance. Directed by Frank Capra.
3.30 Laramie. A man comes to town looking for a desperate fugitive from the law. Could this man-on-the-run be the kind person who helped Mike when he fell? (r)
4.20 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. This last of Professor Lewis Wolpert's six lectures is entitled Growing Up and Growing Old.
5.15 World Darts. Tony Gubba introduces coverage of the Embassy World Championship.
6.15 International Bridge Club. Jeremy James introduces coverage of the Canberra Cruise's World Bridge Trophy. Jeremy Flint comments on the play and tactics.
6.45 NewsView with Jan Leeming and Moira Stuart. Weather.
7.25 *Proust Remembered.* A Roland Petit ballet based on Proust's turn of the century novel, Remembrance of Things Past, choreographed to the music of Debussy, Faure, Franck, Reynaldo Hahn, Beethoven, Wagner, and Saint-Saens. With Maia Plisetskaya, Dominique Khalfouni, Denys Ganio, Jean-Charles Gil, Patrick Dupond, and the Ballet National de Marseille. Extracts from the book are read by Jeremy Irons.
9.25 Saturday Music. Michael Berkeley previews BBC 2's forthcoming musical season.
9.30 Cricket: Fifth Test. Highlights of the first day's play.
9.55 Film: Heaven's Gate (1980) starring Kris Kristofferson, Christopher Walken, John Hurt, and Isabel Huppert. The first showing on British television of this controversial saga of the American West, about the fate of immigrant settlers in late 1800s Wyoming. Directed by Michael Cimino. There is an interval at approximately 12.00. Ends at 1.35.

ITV LONDON

6.55 TV-am introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.58; news at 7.00.
7.30 The Wide Awake Club includes pet advice from animal expert Jimmy McKay.
9.25 No 73. Fun and games for the young. The guest is Christopher Timothy.
11.00 Jamming with the Red Lads. Highlights of last summer's BMX World Championships.
12.00 News with John Suchet.
12.05 Saint and Greavsie. Ian and Jimmy review the week's football news and look forward to the weekend matches 12.30 Wrestling. Two bouts from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham.
1.20 Chips. The Highway Patrol motorcyclists help clear innocent young men accused of theft 2.15 Please, Sir! Comedy series starring John Alderton as an harassed schoolteacher. (r)
2.45 Snooker. The first session of the best-of-25 frames Mercantile Credit Classic final, introduced by Dickie Davies.
4.45 Results service.
5.00 News.
5.05 Walt Disney Presents. The Big Bad Wolf.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 The A-Team. The versatile quartet have to use all their guile when Col. Decker and his men have them surrounded. (r)
6.45 Canoes and Ball. Tommy and Bobby in the first of a new comedy series. Their guests include Simon Williams.
7.15 Me and My Girl. A new series of the sit-com starring Richard O'Sullivan, Tim Brooke-Taylor, and Joan Sanderson. (Oracle)
7.45 The Price is Right. Game show
8.45 News and sport.
9.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. The two law officers investigate the robbery of half a million pounds from a security van. (r) (Oracle)
10.00 The Big Match: Highlights from three of today's FA Cup third round matches. The commentators are Brian Moore, Martin Tyler, and Peter Brackley.
11.00 LWT News headlines followed by Snooker. The second session of the final of the Mercantile Credit Classic.
12.15 Glastonbury. Judie Tzuke performs at an open-air pop festival.
1.10 Closedown.

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Film: A Time Out of War" (1954) Three enemy soldiers in the American Civil War make a temporary truce between themselves. Directed by Denis Sanders 9.50 Moneyspinner. (r)
10.15 The Heart of the Dragon. The Chinese economy. (r) 11.15 Land of the Lakes. Melvyn Bragg's personal view of the Lake District. (r) 12.15 Isaura the Slave Girl. (r)
12.50 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. The 1.00, 1.30, 2.00 and 2.35 races.
2.55 Film: Oliver Twist" (1948) starring Robert Newton and Alec Guinness. David Lean's version of Charles Dickens's drama set in London's docklands.
5.05 Brookside. (r) (Oracle)
5.30 Right To Reply. Harry Theobalds, the IBA's controller of advertising, defends the hard-sell toy adverts aimed at children.
6.30 The Great Australian Boat Race. Elimination races for the America's Cup.
7.00 News summary and weather followed by Sing Out. A new gospel music series.
7.30 Banding File. This first programme in a new series includes a report from Trinidad on reaction to the recent elections.
8.15 The Orchestra. Julian Joy-Chagrin returns with another programme poking fun at classical music.
8.45 Map of Dreams. The first of four programmes telling the story of a love affair through four dreams.
9.00 The Power Game" Part one of a repeat of the successful Sixties drama series starring Patrick Waymark as the Machiavellian Sir John Wilder, scourge of the construction industry.
9.55 4 Minutes: Sister Catherine. A nun receives a mysterious St Valentine's card. The first in a repeat series of the award-winning playlets
10.00 Hill Street Blues. Joyce joins Furillo when she disappears for the day. (Oracle)
10.55 An Audience with Dame Edna Everage. The Australian housewife superstar in conversation with an invited audience.(r)
12.00 Film: Out of the Blue (1980) starring Linda Manz. A Special Discretion Required film about the traumatic effect on a 15-year-old girl of the discovery of her mother's drug addiction and the return of her father from prison. Directed by Dennis Hopper. Ends at 1.40.

BBC 1

8.55 Play School 9.15 Umbrella. Religious stories for the young. 9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from St Peter's Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Glasgow.
10.00 Asian Magazine 10.30 Great Experiments. Fox-Talbot's work with light. (r) 10.55 Buongiorno Italia! Lesson 12 (r) 11.20 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. (r) 11.30 Parent Programme. (r)
11.45 Telejournal. (r) 12.10 Sign Extra. Painting outdoors. For the hearing impaired. 12.35 Farming. Quentin Seddon reports on the Oxford Farming Conference 12.58 Weather.
1.00 This Week Next Week. Neil Kinnock is interviewed by Donald MacCormick. 2.00 EastEnders. (r) (Ceefax)
3.00 Match of the Day Live. The F.A.Cup third round game between Luton and Liverpool. The commentator is John Motson. 4.55 Tom and Jerry. Two cartoons.
5.10 The Diary of Anne Frank. Episode two and the Frank family are hiding in the annexe above Otto Frank's business premises. (Ceefax)
5.40 Antiques Roadshow from Dunfermline. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Jan Leeming. Weather.
6.40 Songs of Praise from St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall. (Ceefax)
7.15 Last of the Summer Wine. Seymour persuades Wesley to build a canoe so that they can all get some exercise. (Ceefax)
7.45 Miss Marple: Sleeping Murder. Episode one of a new two-part dramatization of an Agatha Christie mystery. Starring Joan Hickson. (Ceefax)
8.40 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are: Admiral Thomas Cochrane; Robert Burns; wild flowers of Scotland; and battleships and battle cruisers, 1860-1980.
9.10 News with Jan Leeming.
9.25 That's Life! The first programme in the 14th series of the consumer programme.
10.10 Everyman: The Creation. The implications behind cosmologists' claim that it will soon be possible to offer a materialist explanation of the creation of the universe. (r)
10.50 Designers. Designing trucks. (r)
11.20 The Week We Caught Sea Fever. The Log of the 1972 Tall Ships' Race. (r)
12.00 Weather.

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax 9.45 Open University. Until 11.00.
11.05 The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show. 11.25 Blue Peter. (r) 12.15 The Monkees. (r)
12.40 Windmill. Chris Serle delves into the archives to look for unusual musical pairings.
1.40 Rugby Special. Highlights of the game between Leicester and Gloucester.
2.20 World Darts. The Embassy Championship.
3.00 Film: Every Girl Should Be Married" (1948) starring Cary Grant and Betsy Drake. A romantic comedy about a shop assistant who falls for an eligible bachelor doctor, but her tactics in trying to ensnare the good doctor only lead to the store manager jumping to the wrong romantic conclusion. Directed by Don Hartman.
4.20 Music in Camera. The Lindsay Quartet play Beethoven's String Quartet in E minor, Op 59, No 2.
5.05 Thinking Aloud. Education: What is the Point? is discussed by Digby Anderson, Anne Corbett, The Baroness Cox, and Chris Searle. In the chair is Michael Ignatieff.
5.45 Ski Sunday. The Men's Downhill from Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
6.30 The Money Programme examines what West Germany is doing to help train people in new skills to help solve the country's North/West economic divide.
7.15 Seventy Summers. Part two of septuagenarian Tony Harman's story of a farm.
7.45 The Natural World: A Wilderness Like Eden. Programme one of a two-part exploration of the wildlife of the Holy Land.
8.35 Cricket: Fifth Test. Highlights of the second day's play.
9.00 World Darts. The Embassy Championship.
9.30 Did You See...? Day to Day, Entertainment USA, and The Gourmet, are reviewed by Fay Wheldon, Polly Toynbee, and Magenta. Presented by Ludovic Kennedy
10.10 Screen Two: Blunt (1986) starring Ian Richardson and Anthony Hopkins. A drama about the traitor Anthony Blunt, set in 1951 when his fellow agents, Burgess and Maclean, are about to scuttle off to Russia. Directed by John Glenister. (Ceefax)
11.35 World Darts. The Embassy Championship. Ends at 12.25.

ITV/LONDON

6.55 TV-am begins with Sunday Comment 7.00 Are You Awake Yet?; 7.25 Wac Extra.
8.30 David Frost on Sunday. The guests are Ian Hislop and Ruby Wax.
9.25 Wake Up London. The Vicious Boys try badminton 9.30 Freggle Rock 10.00 No 73. The first of a new series of the programme for children 10.30 The Adventures of Black Beauty. (r)
11.00 Morning Worship from St Mary's the Mount, the Mother Church of Walsall.
12.00 Weekend World. Can the Tories be beaten? Matthew Parris investigates. 1.00 Police Five. 1.15 The Smurfs. (r)
1.30 Getting On examines Liverpool's 'Victims of Violence' organisation 2.00 LWT News headlines followed by Encounter. Rabbi Lionel Blue examines the reasons for praying.
2.30 Snooker. The closing session of the final of the Mercantile Credit Classic, introduced by Dickie Davies from Norbreck Castle, Blackpool.
6.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game presented by Jim Bowen.
6.30 News with John Suchet.
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry visits Aberdeen.
7.15 Catchphrase. Puzzle game presented by Roy Walker. (Oracle)
7.45 Film: Hopscotch (1980) starring Walter Matthau and Glenda Jackson. A television version of the comedy drama about a rejected CIA agent who intends to get his own back by publishing a critique of the organisation. With the aid of a wealthy old flame he keeps one-step ahead of his former employers who would prefer him dead rather than let him publish. Directed by Ronald Neame.
9.45 News.
10.00 The World According to Smith and Jones. Mel and Griff examine a history of the world through the eyes of the cinema. The first of a new series.
10.30 The South Bank Show. Melvyn Bragg, Anthony Hopkins, and David Hare discuss Hare's National Theatre production of King Lear, starring Anthony Hopkins.
11.30 LWT News headlines followed by End of Empire. British officials talk frankly about how, in 1953, the Iranian Prime Minister, Mossadeq, was toppled.
12.30 Close.

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Sunday East Presents Smita Patil. A documentary about the young Indian actress who died suddenly in December.
10.00 The World This Week presented by Geoffrey Robertson. Among the guests are Pallo Jordan, a member of the Africa National Congress national executive; and former CIA agent, John Stockwell.
11.00 Worzel Gummidge. (r) 11.30 The Waltons 12.30 The Tube. (r)
2.00 Pob's Programme. With Pat Coombs.
2.30 Viva Verona: Il trovatore. Verdi's opera recorded at the Roman Arena di Verona in 1985. With mezzo soprano Fiorenzo Cossotto; soprano Rosalind Plowright; tenor Franco Bonisolli and baritone Giorgio Zancanaro. The Orchestra and Chorus of the Arena di Verona are conducted by Reynald Giovaninetti.
5.05 News summary and weather followed by The Business Programme. Among the items this week are an examination of the Guinness take-over of Distillers and why the recent scandals have affected Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank advising Guinness; and glassmaker Pilkington - should it be taken-over by BTR?
6.00 Australian Rules Football. This first of a new series features the game between Essendon and Fitzroy.
7.15 The World at War. Part six of the 26-programme history of the Second World War covers the period when Japan entered the conflict. (r) (Oracle)
8.15 State of the Art. A new six-part documentary series on the visual arts in the 1980s and its relationship with the world in which we live. Tonight's theme, history, is illustrated by the work of four artists - Italian carlo Maria Mariani; Germans Anselm Kiefer and Jorg Immendorf; and American Jonathan Borofsky.
9.15 A Fortunate Life. Episode one of a four-part mini-series based on a best-selling Australian novel, based on a true story, following the fortunes of an orphaned eight-year-old at the turn of the century. (Oracle)
11.00 American Football. Denver Broncos v Cleveland Browns. Ends at 12.30

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until 12.30pm, then 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30, 12.00 midnight
6.00am Mark Page 8.00 Peter Powell 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Debbie Harry – Punk Rock to Rockbird 3.00 The American Chart Show direct from New York, with Gary Byrd 5.00 Saturday Live (Andy Kershaw) 8.30 In Concert featuring Martin Stephenson and the Daintees 7.30 Simon Mayo 9.30-12.00 The Midnight Runners Show. VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 1.00pm As Radio 1 7.30-4.00am As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until 1.00pm, then 3.00, 6.00, 7.00 and hourly from 10.00. Sports Desks 8.02am, 10.02, 11.02, 12.02pm, 10.02. Cricket: Fifth Test, Australia v England at 4.02am, 5.02, 6.02, 7.05, 8.05 and 12.05am, 1.02, 2.02, 3.02, 4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Steve Truelove 8.05 David Jacobs 10.00 Sounds of the 60s 11.00 Album Time (Peter Clayton) 1.00pm Radio Active 1.30 Sport on 2. Includes Cricket (Fifth Test), Racing Double Bill (Leopardstown and Sandown Park) 5.00 Sports Report. 6.00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue 6.30 Look What They've Done to My Song. With Steve Race. 7.00 Best the Record (Keith Fordyce) 7.30 Radio 2 Festival of Music 8.30 String Sound (strings of the BBC Radio Orchestra) 10.05 Martin Kelner 12.05am Night Owls (Dave Gelly) 1.00 Jean Challis 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.55 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 About Britain 10.00 News 10.09 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter from America 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Great Organists Play Bach (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.01 Album Time 2.30 Saturday Special 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Saturday Special 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Saturday Special 5.00 News 5.01 Saturday Special (until 5.15) 6.00 News 6.09 Twenty-Four Hours 6.30 Jazz for the Asking 9.00 News 9.01 A Future for the Past 9.15 Sounds of the Sixties 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 News 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 New Ideas 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Nature Notebook 11.30 Anything Goes 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Play of the Week: Bread and Butter 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Eleven O'Clock 2.30 Album Time 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 From our own Correspondent 3.30 Jazz Score 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Nashville Cats (until 4.45) 5.45 Letter from America. All times in GMT

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Radio 3

4.55 Medium wave only. Fifth Test. Until 7.05am
6.55 VHF only. Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Auberda:Berlioz (Roman Carnival: Berlin PO, conducted by Maazel). Monteverdi (Volgendo il ciel: English Baroque Soloists, Monteverdi Choir, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor). Weber (Seven Variations on theme from Silvana: Hilton,clarinet, and Swallow, piano), Fauré (Pavane: St Louis SO conducted by Slatkin), Duparc (Phidyle: Margaret Price, soprano), Saint-Saens (Allegro appassionato, Op 43: Paul Tortelier, cello, and Maria de la Pau, piano). Bridge (There is a willow grows: Bournemouth Sinfonietta). Rachmaninov (Suite No 2: Argerich and Fraire, pianos), Poulenc (Le bestiaire: Thomas Allen, baritone), Respighi (symphonic poem Pines of Rome: San FRancisco SO). 9.00 News
9.05 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes a consumers' guide by Geoffrey Norris to recordings of The Nutcracker. Also new recordings of operas by Chausson and Adam and Romeo and Juliet by Berlioz.
10.15 Stereo Release: Sibelius (Pohjola's Daughter: Gothenburg SO, and Stravinsky arrangement of Canzonetta, Op 52a), Stravinsky (Danses concertantes: Avanti Orchestra)
10.55 Chicago SO (under Temirkanov). With Kyung-Wha Chung (violin). Beethoven (Violin Concerto), Bruckner (Symphony No 4). 1.00 News
1.05 Takacs String Quartet: Haydn (Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5), Beethoven (Quartet in F, Op 18 No 1)
1.55 Self Advertisement for Rutland Boughton: with Nigel Anthony in the title role
2.15 Schubert Piano Sonatas: Martino Tirimo plays the A major, D 959
3.00 Bruno Walter: Berlioz (Corsair soverture: NBC SO), Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto:Milstein, New York Philharmonic), Berlioz (Damnation of Faust excerpts), Schumann (Frauuenliebe und-leben song cycle: Lehmann, soprano), Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique: NBC SO)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: includes comment on Coming into Leand at the National Theatre, and Nabokov's novel The Enchanter
6.35 't Nederlands Orgel: organist Albert De Klerk plays works by Titelouze, Dauvin and Boyvin in St Lambert church, Halmond
7.10 BBC Welsh SO in Germany (under Yansons),with Iona Brown (violin), Josef Suk (viola). Rossini (Thieving Magpie overture), Mozart (Sinfonia Concertante, K 364), Dvorak (Symphony No 9)
8.50 A Start in Life: Colin Tudge in conversation with scientists from the International Society for the Study of the Origin of Life
9.35 Medtner Piano Sonatas: Moiseiwitsch plays the G minor Op 22, and Ogdon the Sonata-Skazka in C minor, Op 25 No 1
10.05 Settings of Gerard Manley Hopkins: BBC Singers perform works by Kenneth Leighton (God's Grandeur), Wilfrid Mellers (Resurrection Canticle), Lennox Berkeley (The Windhover) and John Paynter (The Windhover)
10.30 The Bracknell Jazz Festival: recordings made last year, featuring Nu. Works by Carlos Ward, Ornette Coleman, Nana Vasconcelos, Carlos Ward, Mark Helias and Don Cherry. First of seven recordings made at the festival. Introduced by Richard Cook.
11.57 News.
12.00 Test Match: second day of the Fifth Test. Australia v England

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55 Weather; Travel
7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 8.00 Today's News 7.25 Sport 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 7.40, 8.47 Today's Papers 7.45 Thought for the Day 7.55, 8.58 Weather; Travel 8.25 The Weakies
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4.
9.30 Breakaway. Travel and leisure programme.
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin and guests.
11.00 Talking Politics. Politicians on both sides of the Atlantic discuss the special relationship between Britain and the USA.
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad.
11.55 The Weekend on 4
12.00 News; Money Box. Louise Botting looks at Personal Equity Plans, the building societies' new powers and other developments affecting personal finance in 1987.
12.27 Quote...Unquote. The quotations game (s)
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Lord Marsh (chairman, Newspaper Publishers' Association), Jean Rooke, Frederic Raphael,and Paul Foot answer questions from an audience in Aldeburgh, Suffolk.
2.00 News; The Thomas The Tank Engine Man – Brian Sibley meets the Rev W Audry.(r) (s)
2.30 The Afternoon Play: In The Vann Country, by John Hall (s)
4.00 News; International Assignment.
4.30 Science Now. With Peter Evans.
5.00 The Living World. Kith and Kin. Jeremy Cherfas discovers how animals and birds recognize their own families.
5.25 Week Ending. A satirical look at the week's News 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather; travel
6.00 News; Sports round-up
6.25 Stop The Week with Robert Robinson .(s)
7.00 Saturday Night Theatre: Lloyd George Knew My Father, by William Douglas-Home (s)
8.30 Baker's Dozen – Richard Baker with records (s)
9.30 Thriller! SS – GB, by Len Deighton.(2)
9.50 Ten To Ten – A reading, hymn, and reflection with Rev Richard Harries (s)
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: Letters from the Old World. Leo Knowles traces the travels of Sarah Rogers Haight using the letters home which she wrote from her travels through the Middle East in 1838.
10.45 The Enthusiasts. Allan Smith among the tap dancers.
11.00 Tales from the Mausoleum Club, by Ian Brown and James Hendrie – (2) Heart of Sleepness (s)
11.30 The Cabaret Upstairs – Best of London's fringe entertainment. (s)
12.00 News; Weather
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather Travel 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-6.00 Options: 4.00 Inside Information. The world of information technology (2) This is Software 4.30 Franc-Parler. Conversational French programme 5.00 Deutsch Express [new series] A fifteen-part German course 5.30 Por Aqui

Radio 1

6.00 Mark Page 8.00 Peter Powell 10.00 Mike Read 12.30pm Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. (Hit records from 1961, '75 and '69) 2.30 Vintage American Bandstand (featuring Tom Petty and Steve Forbert) 3.30 Radio 1 More Time (Dave Lee Travis) 4.00 Chartbusters (Bruno Brookes) 5.00 Top 40 (Bruno Brookes) 7.00 Anne Nightingale Request Show 9.00 Robbie Vincent 11.00-12.00 The Ranking Miss P (with Culture Rock). VHF Stereo Radios 1&2: 4.00am As Radio 2 5.00 As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour (except 8.00pm). Sports Desks 8.05am, 12.02pm 6.02, 10.02. Cricket: Fifth Test, (Australia v England) at 1.02am, 5.02, 6.02, 7.02, 8.05, and 12.05am, 1.02 2.02, 3.02, 4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Steve Truelove 7.30 Roger Royle says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Melodies for You. (BBC Concert Orchestra) 11.00 Judith Chalmers 2.00 Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell 4.00 Peter Morrison Sings 4.30 Sing Something Simple (Cliff Adams Singers) 5.00 Sunday Soapbox 7.00 Living with Betty starring Barbara Windsor 7.30 Operetta Nights 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour (from St Mary de Cryupt Church, Gloucester) 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes (Alan Keith) 10.05 Songs from the Shows (BBC Radio Orchestra) 10.45 Brian Lemon at the Piano 11.00 Sounds of Jazz (Tony Russell) 1.00am Jean Challis 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 News 9.09 Review Of British Press 9.15 Science In Action 9.45 A Future for the Past 10.00 News 10.01 Short Story 10.15 Classical Record Review 10.30 Sunday Service 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 From our own Correspondent (until 11.30) 11.30 Play of the Week: Bread and Butter 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Sports Roundup 1.45 Sandi Jones Request Show 2.00 News 2.30 Runyon's Guys and Dolls 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall: Weber 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Pesticides: Easy Way Out 4.45 Letter From America 5.00 News 5.09 Reflections (until 5.15) 6.00 News 9.09 Twenty-Four Hours 9.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 News 9.01 Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 News 10.09 Eleven O'Clock 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial Review 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter From America 11.30 A World in Eggways: 12.00 News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 News 1.01 In the Psychiatrist's Chair 1.45 Pierre Fournier 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Good Books 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Wind in the Willows (until 4.45) 5.45 Recording of the Week. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

4.55 On medium wave. Test Match (second day). Until 7.05
6.55 On VHF. Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 La Petite Bande: Corelli (Concerto Grosso in D major, Op 6 No 1), Rameau (Hippolyte et Aricie, suite of dances from Acts 3,4, and 5), and Bach's Trio-sonata in G major, after BWV 525.
8.00 The Musician's Musician: Arthur Grumiaux (violin). Telemann (Fantasia No 8 in E), Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 30 No 2; with Arrau, piano), Mozart (Quintet in D, K 593, with Gerecz, Janzer, Lesueur and Czako. 9.00 News
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Offenbach (Evening Papers waltz: Raphaele Concert Orchestra), Fauré (Piano Quintet No 2 in C minor, Op 115: Collard, piano and Parrenin Quartet), Britten (On this Island: Tear, tenor and Ledger,piano), Debussy (Two Arabesques: Rogé, piano), Copland (Clarinet Concerto: Goodman and Columbia SO)
10.30 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Including a conversation with Alexander Goehr about his new Symphony with Chaconne
11.15 Christian Blackshaw: piano recital. Beethoven (Sonata in E minor, Op 90), Schumann (Fantasie in C, Op 17)
12.15 From the Proms: London Sinfonietta (under Andrew Davis), with Stephen Roberts (baritone). Stravinsky (Monumentum pro Gesualdo di Venosa ad CD annum). Dallapiccola (Preghiera), Tippett (Concerto for Orchestra), Henze (Five Neapolitan songs), Stravinsky (Pulcinella suite). Interval reading at 1.00
1.55 Josef Suk: violin. With Josef Hala (piano). Dvorak (Sonatina in G major, Op 100), Janacek (Sonata), Brahms (Sonata in A, Op 100), Suk (Evening Mood, Op 22b No 3)
3.00 From the Festivals: Perth Festival of the Arts 1986. Polish Chamber Orchestra, with Michala Petri, recorder and Ewa Wasiolka, cello. Haydn (Symphony No 56), C P E Bach (Largo, cello concerto in A major, Wq 1172), Vivaldi (Concerto in C major for soprano recorder and strings, RV 443). Telemann (Suite in A minor, for recorder, strings), Elgar (Introduction and Allegro for strings, Op 47)
4.35 The Austrian Lyric Tradition: Chilingirian String Quartet, with Gordon Hunt (oboe). Mozart (Quartet in F, K 370), Berg (Lyric Suite)
5.30 New Premises: the arts review. Presented by Nigel Andrews
6.15 Envy, Hatred and Malice: Rodney Milnes presents the second of three operatic programmes.
6.45 Liszt and the Piano: Martino Tirimo plays transcriptions and paraphrases of Verdi's Miserere (Il trovatore), Danza sacra et duetto final, from Aida, and Concert paraphrase (Rigoletto)
7.20 Elgar: The Apostles. BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Donald Hunt), with Choristers of Worcester Cathedral, Worcester Choral Society, and singers Alison Pearce, Alfred Hodgson, Maldwyn Davies, Stephen Roberts, Brian Rayner Cook and David Thomas. Part one. Interval reading at 8.35, and part two at 8.40
9.40 Georges Mann: Stuart Milligan reads the short story by Jackson Webb
10.00 Piano music by Prokofiev and Goehr: Roger Woodward plays Prokofiev's Toccata Op 11 and Four Studies, Op 2 and Goehr's Sonata Op 2
10.35 Rose Consort of Viols: works by, inter alia, Lawes and Mico
11.05 From One to Five: works by Honegger, Villa-Lobos, Arnold, Francaux and Gerhard. 11.57 News
12.00 Fifth Test. Until 2.05am

Radio 4

On long wave (s) on VHF
5.55 Shipping 6.00 New Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude. A selection of music (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken 6.55 Weather; Travel
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers
7.40 Sunday. 7.55 Weather; Travel 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 Week's Good Cause.
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service
10.15 The Archers.
11.15 Pick of the Week.
12.15 Desert Island Discs. With James Prior, MP.
1.00 The World This Weekend: News
2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 The Afternoon Play. Josef and Maria, by Peter Turrini (s)
3.30 Hamlet at Elsinore. Searching for the Shakespeare connection at Kronburg Castle in Denmark. Did Shakespeare ever visit there?
4.00 News; The Food Programme, presentad by Derek Cooper.
4.30 The Natural History Programme. Humming birds and the Arabian oryx.
5.00 News; Travel
5.05 Down Your Way. Brian Johnstone visits Ilkeston, Derbyshire
6.00 News
6.15 Actuality. Standing Naval Force Atlantic: s four days of exercises in the North Atlantic.
7.00 Secret Lives. by E F Benson, dramatized in three parts (2)(s)
8.00 Bookshelf. Two very different books set in and around Beirut.
8.30 A Word in Edgeways. David Benedictus, Hunter Davies and Janet Morgan in conversation with Brian Redhead.
9.00 News; Some Mother's Son. A serial in six parts by John Fletcher (2)(s)
9.30 The Press Barons. Gordon Clough talks to David Stevens of United Newspapers 9.55 Weather; Travel
10.00 News
10.15 The Sunday Feature. Dr Crippen's Trial. A fresh look at one of this century's most notorious criminal cases (s)
11.00 Seeds of Faith. The Rev John Young examines reasons for belief in God.
11.15 Zeffirelli. Jottings and memoirs from the notebooks of Franco Zeffirelli, thetheatre, opera and film director.
11.30 In Our Hearts Were Songs of Hope. Jim Lloyd talks to British soldiers about the songs they used to sing to boost their spirits during the war.
12.00 News; Weather
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 7.10-7.50 Open University: 7.10 Introdu

Arsenal will be in confident mood for Elm Park test

By Clive White

Reading probably understand better than anyone in the country how Arsenal feel right now, in particular that aura of invincibility. At the start of last season Reading won 13 successive games, thereby beating Tottenham Hotspur's 25-year-old Football League record. Today they themselves become just another statistic as the London club seek to stretch their unbeaten run to 20 games in the FA Cup third round tie at Elm Park.

Ian Branfoot, who steered Reading into the record books, said: "After 19 games without defeat Arsenal can't imagine losing. It won't even enter their heads. You get so you know you're going to win, and that's how Arsenal feel now."

Realizing, perhaps, that he was describing all too vividly a likely scenario today, Branfoot interrupted the logic of his argument to add: "But they probably felt the same way before they went to York." This was in reference to their infamous defeat in the fourth round of the cup two years ago.

Situated fifth from bottom of the second division Reading are far from impregnable themselves these days. The once free-scoring Senior has claimed just one goal in the last 10 games. Injuries, though, have hampered their efforts and today's squad of 13 is of necessity rather than choice. Branfoot is under no illusions about their task. "Arsenal's league position proves they are the best around," he said.

"I know George Graham well from his Millwall days and he has instilled the same qualities at Highbury as he did at the Den - hard work and dedication, this time into very good players."

Big freeze brings panel into action

Frozen pitches throughout Scotland, as well as in the north and the Midlands have forced the pools panel into action for the second successive week. Four FA Cup third round ties were postponed yesterday and the Scottish programme was reduced to eight matches. FA Cup ties called off were at Sheffield Wednesday (v Derby County), Shrewsbury Town (v Hull City), Wigan (v Gillingham) and Newcastle United (v Northampton Town). All have been put back to Monday evening, although with four days of temperatures below freezing being forecast, it seems unlikely they will be played then.

Reading will recall Westwood in goal if they fail, as seems likely, to sign Barron from Queen's Park Rangers. The player has been on loan with them but Rangers insist that they must buy him if they want to play him in the cup. The asking price is £20,000. Arsenal, naturally, see no reason to change their line-up.

Clemence, the Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper, looks likely to get his wish to play against Scunthorpe United, the club that gave him his start in professional football. He has been nursing an injury all week, since the game against Arsenal last Sunday. Hodge looks set to return after missing the centenary derby through injury. Claesen is also in contention for a starting place.

The Manchester derby at Old Trafford will see United strengthened by the return of Davenport, Whiteside and Sivebaek while City are struggling to fill the gap left by the absence of the promising Moulden. Beckford, a teenager, is being considered, but at least Grealish has recovered from a virus.

● Two substitutes will be allowed per team in the FA Cup third round matches today. The move brings the competition in line with the Littlewoods Cup, the Freight Rover Trophy and the Full Members' Cup.

● Manchester United had a secret training session in the Lake District yesterday before their third-round FA Cup derby with Manchester City today. During a two-day break, 16 members of the squad practiced yesterday on the pitch at the Grasmere sports ground.

Alex Ferguson, the manager, said: "We thought the change of scene would keep the players fresh and help prepare them for tomorrow's game. The weather isn't ideal, but we are enjoying it in this beautiful part of the world."



Morning gallops: after the tractors have done their work two of Paul Kellaway's string work out at Newmarket (Photographs: Tim Bishop)

Newmarket so glad of artificial gallop

By Christopher Goulding

The new Al Bahathri gallop at Newmarket is under close scrutiny by the Jockey Club, who want to see if the surface will provide the right under-foot conditions for an all-weather racetrack, to cut down the considerable number of meetings lost to the weather each year.

Yesterday, at Newmarket, there was a severe frost and the Al Bahathri was the only gallop where horses could be worked. Clive Brittain, one of the many trainers who uses the gallop, said: "After the severe frost we have had in the last two days, there was no way you could work a horse on any other surface. I sent 60 of my two-year-olds up there and everything went well. My string has never been so far forward."

The Al Bahathri Gallop was opened in July and is proving very popular with the trainers. It is used by hundreds of horses each day and has yet to show sign of wear.

Robert Fellowes, an agent to the Jockey Club at Newmarket, said: "The gallop is made up of a granule material called Equitrack, which is marketed by En-tout-cas, who also supply tennis courts and athletic tracks."

The gallop was funded by Hamdan Al Maktoum, and named after his top-class filly who won the Irish 1,000 Guineas and the Coronation Stakes. The nine and a half furlongs gallop cost £500,000.

The Jockey Club have been awaiting a severe frost to see how the gallop was affected. "I have kept some of the granules in the deep freeze and they have not frozen up," said Fellowes. "The manufacturers are confident that it will stand up to the harsh weather."

General Sir Cecil Blacker, a steward of the Jockey Club, has been instrumental in getting the all-weather racecourse project off the ground. He chaired a working party which recently released its report.

"The idea started almost two years ago after we had a bad winter and lost many race meetings. It has sparked off an interest with many people. In other countries they race on dirt, but that is for Flat racing," he said.

"We are looking for an ideal surface for jumping, as it is during the National Hunt season that we lose the meetings. The trouble with many surfaces is that there is a lot of kick-back. At the moment there are three gallops that we have been looking into.

"Ian Balding and Jeremy Tree have a fibre and sand mix which has no kick-back. Ian Balding has been using his gallop to school horses over hurdles, which has not presented any problems, and hopefully we can find the right surface for steeplechasing," said Blacker.

"There are two courses in the south who are interested. It would also be nice to have some interest in the north. Kempton Park is already talking about having an enclosed glass stand. If you are going to have racing in these conditions there have to be attractive facilities for the racegoers."

United Racecourses, who control three tracks, have expressed a lot of interest in building an all-weather racecourse, particularly at Kempton Park. Lord Ronaldshay, who is hoping to re-open Stockton, has also submitted plans to the Jockey Club for an all-weather track.

TENNIS

Navratilova parts with her coach

From Rex Bellamy, Sydney

Martina Navratilova and Mike Estep, her coach and practice partner since June 1983, have ended their professional association. Both stress that they are parting on friendly terms which they intend to maintain. For some time, Estep has wanted to move on to another job but he gave Miss Navratilova until the end of 1986 to find a replacement.

During the Australian championships, which will begin on Monday in Melbourne, her practice partner will be Randy Crawford. Like Estep and Miss Navratilova, Crawford is based in Dallas.

A player of Miss Navratilova's class and experience does not really need a coach; but she does need a male practice partner who can keep her physically and competitively sharp, advise her about strategy, ensure that any technical deficiencies are spotted and corrected, and provide consistent reassurance.

Estep has filled those roles so effectively that during their association, Miss Navratilova won 25 titles (10 singles, 12 women's doubles and three mixed doubles) in the grand slam championships of France, Wimbledon, the United States and Australia. Miss Navratilova's total tally, from 1974 to 1986, has been 42: 15 singles, 23 women's doubles and four mixed doubles.

She might have done it without Estep, but, on the other hand, she might not.

In addition to Estep's desire to change course, there could be another reason for the break. These coach-player relationships tend to become repetitive. Any coach has only so much to give as a sparring partner, adviser and motivator.

It is an awesome thought that Miss Navratilova might even benefit from the switch to Crawford or, if that does not work out, someone else.

RUGBY UNION

Wales are to support payments

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The Welsh Rugby Union have confirmed their support for the International Rugby Football Board's proposals on payment to players on tour, in case of hardship.

Those proposals were made at the board's extraordinary meeting in London in October and will be voted on at the annual meeting in March but the WRU's committee meeting this week aligned Wales with Australia and France, in favour of extra-mural payments.

Welsh representatives on the board, Keith Rowlands and Gwilym Treharne, have been instructed to support the proposals. Ray Williams, secretary of the WRU, said yesterday: "The committee are of the view that players should not suffer financially because they go on tour to play rugby football. That will apply to management as well, but if employers pay wages then the players will not be suffering."

The board propose a tour allowance and a personal allowance for players on a tour of more than 21 days' duration. Whether the World Cup, which will last more than five weeks for the most successful teams, comes into the tour category remains to be seen, but the effect would be the same unless the specific agreements relating to the tournament are significantly different.

The Welsh World Cup squad of 26 players will be announced on March 23, two days after the final international against Scotland in Edinburgh. Three weekends in April and May have been set aside for fitness and team training.

Random drug testing will be carried out among the international squad of the four home unions when the Five Nations championship begins next weekend in Cardiff. Two players from either side will be required to provide specimens for the Welsh and Irish medical officers; anyone proved positive will be suspended immediately and becomes subject to his own union's disciplinary procedure.

Williams said: "This is rugby football's attempt along with the rest of sport to ensure that undesirable practices do not become prevalent in the game. We have no cause for concern at the moment but we know that in other sports and other countries the illegal use of drugs is rife."

The Rugby Football Union conducted a random drug test on three players after last weekend's trial match at Twickenham and their procedure will be the same as that of Wales. Immediately after each home international, two players from either side will be tested and the specimen sent to the Chelsea test centre. Since this is now agreed five nations policy, France will doubtless act in the same way.

CRICKET

A pitch and a ground that are almost unrecognizable

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney

If you turned up at Shipton-under-Wychwood, let us say, to play for the Trinity Triflers and saw a pitch with the appearance of that for the fifth Test match between England and Australia starting here today, you would leave out your fastest bowlers for fear of their hurting someone.

It looks like a shaggy yellow labrador. But the curator knows what he is doing and is confident that it will play well. Australian pitches are no longer black and shiny when a match starts. This one is very light in colour with a good covering of hay. On either side of it are two strips of grass as beautifully green and smooth as any putting surface in the world.

England were waiting until this morning to decide whether to leave out Edmonds or DeFreitas. After his seven wickets in the Fourth Test at Melbourne, Small has overtaken DeFreitas in the fast bowling pecking order, and Dilley, who missed that match, is now fit again.

In the last eight years the ground has changed beyond all recognition, under the egis of a Trust consisting of mostly left-wing politicians. All that is left of what used to be one of the classic cricket grounds of the world are the old pavilion and the ladies stand, which are safe for the moment for having a preservation order on them, and a small segment of the famous Hill. Towering great stands have quite altered the character and done away with the serenity of the place.

Every other person at yesterday's morning practice seemed to be from England. They saw Australia have a hard, long, rather self-conscious work-out. A few Englishmen made a desultory appearance. One felt that if the Test series had been level at one match each it would have been different; on the other hand, England promise "no relaxation" of their intentions.

The new, to the Australian side, Peter Taylor, has reddish hair and a strongish build. He went to school at Barker College, whose headmaster was, at one time, John Dewes of Cambridge, Middlesex and England, and for many years now a member of the staff at Dulwich College.

From what one could tell in the nets, Taylor is quick for an off-spinner, which could explain why he has no great reputation as a wicket-taker. Ritchie, who was left out at Melbourne, was hoping to be put in first for Australia. Their twelfth man looked like being Matthews, though if the pitch was no less grassy at the start of the match Taylor's appearance in the limelight might prove as fleeting as it was unexpected.

England pair settle their destinies

Any doubts there may be about where Ian Botham and Graham Dilley will be playing next season seem to have been settled (John Woodcock writes). Dilley will almost certainly be staying with Kent, after having talked things over with his county captain, Christopher Cowdrey, here in Sydney, and the prospect of Botham and Hick batting together for Worcestershire next summer is about to become a reality.

Dilley, aged 27, is bowling better for having had a good seminar with Alan Davidson, who recovered from injury himself to learn the tricks of using the crease, bowling a line and varying his pace.

Faulkner skittles S Africans

A career-best spell of seam bowling by Peter Faulkner helped the Australian rebel cricketers dismiss a South African Invitation side for 165 on the first day of their three-day match in East London yesterday. At the close, the tourists were six for the loss of Steve Smith.

Terry Alderman and Rodney Hogg took early wickets as the South African side, made up of the top youngsters in the country, struggled to seven for two. Faulkner kept the pressure, taking five for 49 in 17.5 overs on a wet pitch.

Joubert Strydom halted the slide with a timely innings of 52 before he was caught in the gully by Smith off Faulkner. Hogg and Alderman ended up with two cheap wickets each.

SCORES: South African Invitation XI: First innings: 165 (J J Strydom 52; P I Faulkner 5 for 49). Australian XI: First innings: 6 for 1.

SNOOKER

Davis driving his way to victory

By Sydney Friskin

At a less serious function in Blackpool yesterday afternoon Jimmy White was seated in a vintage car, but there was no doubt that Steve Davis inside the snooker arena was in the driving seat. At the interval of his 17-frame semi-final of the Mercantile Credit Classic he led Stephen Hendry 6-1.

Hendry, who will be 18 on Tuesday, was given a valuable lesson on other aspects of the game which is not just about potting balls. Exciting as he is, Hendry has not had the grounding of Davis who started playing a little later than Hendry and faced some of the fiercest amateurs while moving from club to club. Hendry's limitations were exposed in his fifth round match against Danny Fowler which he should have lost.

It may also be argued that Davis could have lost his quarter-final match against John Parrott, who failed in the deciding frame with a crucial shot on the brown, which was by no means easy, and Parrott himself said he had to think deeply before playing it. Having put the memory of that match behind him, Davis ran into a 3-0 lead yesterday with successive breaks of 75, 108 and 49.

Hendry restored his confidence in the fourth frame by making a break of 72 but the onslaught by Davis was soon resumed. He was so far ahead in the fifth frame that the clearance of 31 by Hendry was inconsequential and although he made a break of 41 in the sixth, he could not contain Davis, who established a clear mastery in the seventh.

White was not embarrassed when reminded about the fluked red which enabled him to make a match-winning break of 74 and defeat Dean Reynolds 9-8 in Thursday's semi-final. Both players had scored points from flukes but this one by White in the deciding frame was the most crucial.

Reynolds, far from being bitter about the outcome, thought that he himself had not played particularly well but added: "Having gone so far in the tournament I have now begun to have faith in myself."

The two-day final starting today, to be played on the basis of the best of 23 frames, will bring to an end an exciting tournament which maintained the highest standards despite the absence of 11 of the top 16 ranked players.

SCORES: Semi-finals: S Davis (Eng) leads S Hendry (Scot) 6-1. Frame scores (Davis first): 75-0, 109-25, 74-30, 12-88, 83-45, 78-41, 80-1. J White (Eng) beat D Reynolds (Eng) 9-8. Frame scores (White first): 84-36, 109-0, 35-94, 62-42, 29-68, 22-71, 88-52, 126-6, 119-4, 35-109, 50-61, 35-71, 21-54, 74-8, 85-0, 84-77, 100-23.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Trophy final has all the makings of an epic duel

By Keith Macklin

Burnden Park, Bolton, with its undersoil heating, will this afternoon reverberate to the noise of a crowd in the region of 20,000 and some thunderous collisions between the forwards of Warrington and Wigan. These two sides meet in the final of the John Player Special Trophy, a competition in which both sides have excellent records.

Warrington are the only team to have won the trophy three times and if Wigan win today they join Warrington on that number and also become the first side to retain the trophy in the competition's 16-year history.

There can be little doubt that the match will unleash total commitment, tackling bordering on the ferocious, and moments of sparkling rugby from the two top sides in the league. Wigan will seek revenge for their loss when the sides met on New Year's Day, while Warrington are determined to prove that recent victories over the league leaders St Helens, Widnes and Wigan entitle them to the title of top dogs.

It is to Wigan's slight advantage that they are able to name a full strength squad, with Gill, Potter, Dermott and Roberts all declared fit, while Warrington will be without Paul Bishop, their lively goalkicking scrum-half, who lost his appeal against suspension.

Wigan will have learned many lessons from their New Year's Day defeat and it is hardly likely that the speed and skill of the league's top try scorer Ellery Hanley can be totally curbed again.

He has the advantage of Henderson Gill alongside him to provide another free-running foil, and there is always the outstanding back player, Shaun Edwards to follow. But the match could once more be won in the battle between two mighty packs, with Boyd, Tamati and the strong-running Roberts in the Warrington six, and Case, Potter and Goodway the power men in the Wigan pack.

I favour Wigan to win by the narrowest of margins.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Yacht post for Evans

Mike Evans, chairman of the RYA Council, is to take up the new post of executive director of the International Yacht Racing Union from April 1, it was announced at the London Boat Show yesterday. This post, one of the most influential in the world of yachting, will replace that of secretary general, which will become vacant on the retirement after 28 years of Nigel Hacking.

Youth boost

Youth sport in Wales has received sponsorship backing worth over £60,000 from Esso. The organisations which will benefit are the Welsh Schools Rugby Union, the Welsh Schools Football Association, the Welsh Amateur Swimming Association, and the Welsh Cricket Association.



Pearson: Leeds after all

Leeds catch

Less than 24 hours after denying any interest in the player, Leeds United yesterday signed John Pearson, Charlton striker, for about £72,000. Pearson, 23, was Charlton's leading scorer with 14 goals last season, but has only one to his credit this time.

German treat

After the world table tennis championships in Delhi next month, China's team will play five friendly matches in West Germany from March 15 to April 15.

Job seeker

Sammy McIlroy, the Northern Ireland international, has applied for the vacant managerial post at Blackburn Rovers. McIlroy has played one game for Manchester City this season and will apply as 'player manager'.

Football first

Halifax Town are expected to make football league history on Monday, January 19 as the first club to invoke the 1986 Insolvency Act, which became company law last month, and apply for an administrator to run their affairs.

Are you leaving your heirs more tax than capital? Naturally you want to leave all of your estate to your family or dependants or at least to someone of your choosing.

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